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CONVENTION ADOPTS RECORD GOAL

Convention Takes Important Actions

Among the significant actions of the State Convention were: Adoption of a \$1,500,000 cooperative program goal; the Woman's College Decisions Approval of the Revised Ministerial Security Plan; and Approval of the Proposed Medical Arts Building Highlights of these actions are given below:

\$1,500,000 Cooperative Program Goal

The Convention adopted, at the recommendation of the Convention Board, an ambitious Cooperative Program goal of \$1,500,000 for 1953-54.

This goal is \$300,000 more than the goal for this past year and for the first time will include amounts for capital needs of the institutions and endowment for the colleges.

The complete breakdown is as follows:

Division I, nondistributable monies; Division II, 55 percent to state causes; Division III, 45 percent to world causes, both up to \$1,250,000.00; Division IV \$150,000.00 for capital needs of all institutions; and Division V all monies, above \$1,400,000.00 shall go 2-3 percent to world causes and 33 1-3 to endowment of its colleges.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE VOTE

The Convention, by a vote of 304 to 291, converted its Woman's College at Hattiesburg into a co-educational school.

This vote was taken on whether to convert it into a Junior co-educational school or make it as senior co-educational school. It is now a senior woman's college.

Previously the body had voted, at the recommendation of the Education Commission, three alternatives as follows: (1) to close the school; (2) to make it a senior co-educational school; (3) convert it into a Junior co-educational institution.

The vote was No. one 132; No. two 373; and No. three 336.

According to the recommendation the name of the school will be changed accordingly.

The recommendation of the Education Commission came after that group had studied carefully the report of the special survey committees of out-of-state educators that had been made by the Southern Baptist Education Commission

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Watch next week's Baptist Record for the name of the winner of the "Why I Like My Pastor" contest.

OK's Woman's College, Medical Building, New Minister's Retirement Plan

MEMPHIS PASTOR SEES A GATE TO FREEDOM

BY R. PAUL CAUDILL

I may live a long time, but I shall hardly forget the experience that was mine on yesterday when I visited Freedom Village and had fellowship, for the first time, with our own men who have been prisoners of war in Communist Korea.

Freedom Village is located near Panmunjom, and there is little about the place to suggest the memorable events that are taking place daily under the covert of the huge tent and the lesser tents that have been erected there in

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BAPTIST RECORD HITS HIGHEST CIRCULATION

While Dr. Goodrich is in Fort Worth, Texas, taking part in the inauguration of Dr. J. Howard Williams as the new president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, we give below the article concerning the Baptist Record report to the State Convention. The article was written by Miss Elsie M. Chambers, staff writer for the Clarion Ledger.

"The value of one of Mississippi Baptists' most profitable enterprises was explained to the state convention Thursday morning

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23 Associations 100% In Co-op Giving In Past Year

By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Twenty-three of the 75 associations in the state were 100 percent in Cooperative Program giving during the past convention year, ending Oct. 31.

The number of churches giving to the Cooperative Program totaled 1552, leaving only 158 not making a contribution.

However 1605 churches made a contribution to missions, either

through the Cooperative Program or some designated cause or both, leaving only 105 of the 1710 presently listed churches as not giving something to missions.

A hundred percent Cooperative Program association is one in which every church made a contribution to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

We feel the above record is one we can rejoice over since it clear-

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TAKES STRONG STAND ON TEMPERANCE ISSUE

Mississippi Baptists closed their 118th annual Convention on Thursday night of last week in a high spiritual hour when Howard Butts of Corpus Christi, Texas brought a challenging message on "Fools For Christ's Sake."

The Convention will easily go down in history as one of the most far-reaching, constructive and eventful in many years.

Perhaps the three most significant actions taken were the changing of Woman's College into a co-educational school, the authorization given to the Baptist Hospital

Japanese Baptize 1,080 Last Year

TOKYO, Japan — The Japan Baptist Convention has 55 organized churches, 47 preaching stations, and numberless other centers of worship. The churches baptized 1,080 members last year.

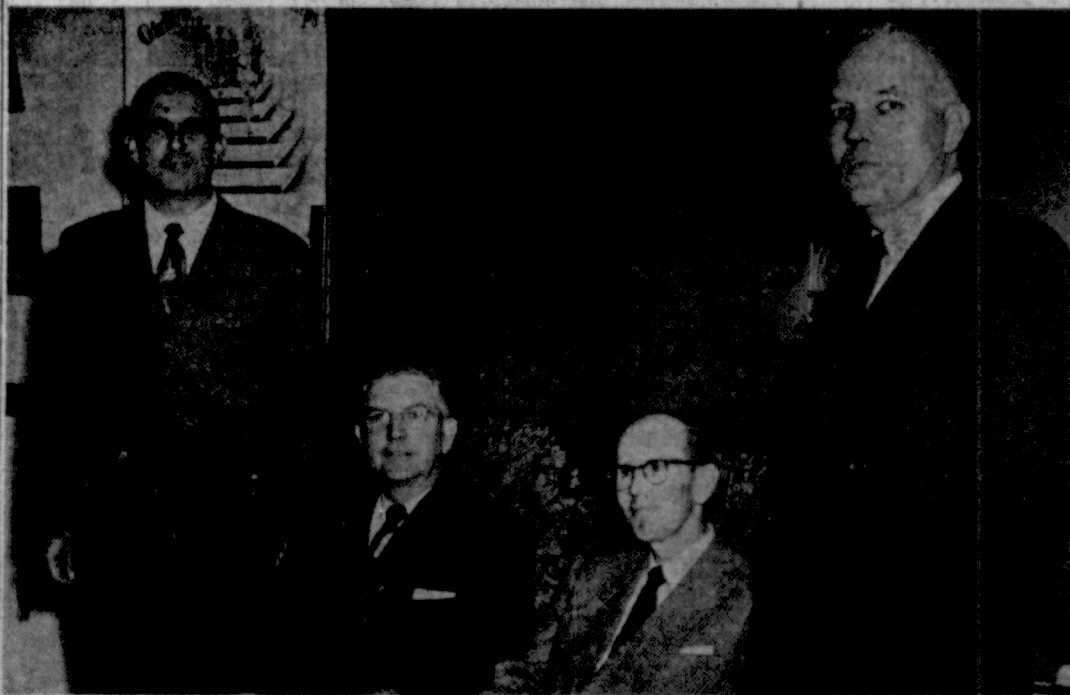
Growth of Baptist work in the country since World War II has been significant. There were only 16 churches and nearly 1,000 members when the Japan Baptist Convention was reorganized five years ago. There are now 7,000 members in the 55 organized churches.

Offerings for all causes totaled approximately \$35,000 last year. This is about 35 per cent of the tithe potential of the convention's 7,000 church members.

This average of \$5.00 per member per annum would compare to

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State Convention Officers For 1954



Mississippi Baptists at the Convention last week re-elected their president, Dr. John E. Barnes, standing, left, as well as their secretary, Rev. George Gay, standing, right. New vice-presidents were elected, however. Rev. Earl Edwards, pastor of Tutwiler Church, seated left, was selected as first vice-president and Dr. W. R. Hunter, pastor First Church, McComb, second vice-president.

(Photo courtesy Jackson Daily News)

NOTICE

Only one error has been called to our attention in the lists published in last week's Baptist Record concerning the 100 churches leading in per capita Cooperative Program and Total Mission Gifts.

Morgan City Church in Leflore Association was listed as No. 72 in the column giving the per capita total missions gifts. It should have been listed No. 35.

We regret the above error but are glad that errors dealing with so many figures can be kept to a minimum.

Convention Adopts

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address by the president on "Together."

Attendance was good with the auditorium filled at many services. Two sessions were held this year as last year in the City Auditorium. One was the State Mission presentation on Wednesday night and the Youth Rally on Thursday evening.

The music during the Convention was inspiring, reaching a climax on Thursday night when the combined choir for the four colleges presented a concert under the direction of Reid Moore of Jackson.

The Convention this year witnessed an unusually large number of outstanding out-of-state speakers.

The various reports of the board, agencies and institutions were good, reflecting gains in most instances.

A Daily Bulletin was published each day during the Convention, carrying all the highlights.

Public interest in the Convention this year was keener than usual, as evidenced by more newspaper, radio and TV publicity.

The matter of continued study of a State Baptist Assembly was referred to the Convention Board.

The president appointed the following Committee on Committees for the coming year:

Dr. J. H. Kyzar, Greenwood; Rev. Chester A. Molpus, Belzoni; Rev. Wilford M. Lee, Leland; Rev. J. H. Street, Laurel; Rev. H. H. Aultman, Tupelo; Rev. J. F. Brantly, Forest and Rev. M. S. Varnado, Pascagoula.

—BR—

23 Associations

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ly indicates a continued interest in our efforts to support world missions through the Cooperative Program.

In addition to the 23 one hundred percent associations there were several that lacked only one church, some that lacked only two

Convention Leaders Caught In Huddle



Several leaders were caught by the cameraman while in a huddle conferring on the opening day of the Convention last week in Jackson. Left to right: Dr. Harold G. Basden, pastor Calvary Church, Jackson, who preached the Convention sermon; Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, Convention president; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, host pastor; and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, state executive secretary.

(Photo courtesy Jackson Clarion-Ledger)

and others that lacked only three.

Several of the larger associations, while not in the 100 per cent list, showed a remarkable record from a percentage standpoint.

The list of 100 per cent associations follows:

Bolivar, Clarke, Clay, Desoto, George, Grenada, Gulf Coast, Jasper, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Oktibbeha county, Pike, Union, Washington, Walthall, Warren, and Winston.

Next week the Baptist Record will carry the list showing the record of mission gifts of all churches for the convention year ending Oct. 31.

Memphis Pastor Sees

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the valley as a reception center for our beloved men who are being brought back from the horrors of Communist prison camps.

The journey to Freedom Village, from Seoul City, was made by car, and I had as my companions Chaplain (Colonel) Mert M. Lampson and Mr. O. S. Muetting of KCAC (Korean Civil Assistance Command) who has been by my side constantly since I reached Korea, looking after my itinerary and keeping me on schedule for all engagements.

Upon reaching Freedom Village we were met by Colonel Raymond W. Begges, the officer in Command, and he very kindly escorted us throughout the Village, explaining in great detail the various steps and stages of processing whereby the returnees are made ready for the long journey home to loved ones and friends.

The men, following the exchange, are first brought by ambulance to the village where they are immediately checked for medical problems. If they are in need of immediate medical attention, they receive it.

The second step has to do with identification. They move into the AGC (Adjutant General's Command area where files are available on all men reported missing in action or as prisoners. Here the identity of each man is verified.

The third step takes the men into an enclosure where they meet the chaplains of the various faiths, and where they have the opportunity to pause for worship in the little improvised chapels that have been provided alongside the larger area room. I was informed that not more than two men out of fifty fail to avail themselves of

this opportunity of worship, and that many of them are visibly affected by their worship experience.

I had to fight hard to keep the tears back myself, as I observed it all. There were the neat rows of New Testaments and other religious printed material that had been carefully arranged on a table inside the enclosure for the men. There were the imprints left by their knees on the drab khaki cushions where they had knelt in prayer. There was that indescribable look of peace in their faces as they moved forward in the various other steps of the processing.

The patient, kind manner in which our men received the returnees was beautiful to behold. The consideration and gentle care seemed to me almost as real and as full as that of a mother for a child. It did something to me to watch them. I was never so proud to be an American, and never more full of solid resolve to do all within my power, henceforth, to live up to the responsibilities that are mine as a citizen of our land.

One other thing: I must confess that I was surprised to find many of the men appear to be in fair condition physically. Of course they had not yet had their physical examinations, and I do not know what the story will be when the records are complete. I talked with numbers of them, and their response was wholesome.

A wonderful group of men, I must say—these returnees. I felt like kneeling at the feet of each one of them and thanking God for his return, and for the sacrifices he had made in my behalf, and in yours—to the end that our land might ever be a gate to Freedom!

Baptist Record Hits

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when Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of The Baptist Record, conducted a 30-minute program patterned after a popular radio quiz program.

"With the staff of his weekly paper scattered throughout the audience, Dr. Goodrich asked questions concerning the contents of this week's paper of people selected by his staff. When answered correctly the 'gentleman or the lady' received a copy of either 'Iron Shoes,' by Roy Angel or 'Issues We Face' by W. A. Crisswell; if they failed to answer, Dr. Goodrich said, 'Give that lady a copy of the Record, please.'"

"The program was a repeat performance by request. He conducted the same sort of program several years ago.

"Dr. Goodrich used a portion of his time to explain that the circulation of the Record is still growing, and this week the circulation figure hit 82,281. During the year the paper made a profit of \$13,264.

"The Mississippi paper, incidentally, is one of two Baptist weekly papers in the Southern Baptist Convention that operates without a deficit. The Record not only operates without a deficit, but during the last 11 years had actually made enough profit to turn back to the denomination \$130,092.

"Dr. Goodrich, one of the most able editors in the Southern Baptist Convention, has been with the Record for 18 years. He joined the staff in 1935 as circulation manager when the circulation was only 4,001. Under his management he had quadrupled the circulation in six years, and in 1942 became the editor."

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MY THANKSGIVING OFFERING

If for some reason you did not have an opportunity to make your regular Thanksgiving Offering through your Church, Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood or Missionary Society it is not too late to do so. You may designate your offering for the Baptist Orphanage and hand it to the Treasurer or other officials of your congregation and ask that they forward same to us through their regular channel of distribution. If you prefer you may send it direct to us—please use the form below.

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ADDRESS

The State Convention

"The greatest State Convention I ever attended," or words to that effect were heard over and over again. They are our sentiments, too. In fact, not a single pessimistic expression was heard from anyone.

Not everybody approved one hundred per cent of everything that was done but so far as we know, there are no scars. The only criticism, and that not much, was that a few of the reports were everything else but.

There were many highlights. Space prevents describing all of them, but the Wednesday night State Mission program was one of, if not the highest point of the Convention.

Secretary Quarles had planned a unique but over-all picture of the wide-spread work of State Missions. The various departments briefly outlined their work and several used posters and people to aid in the presentation.

Unlike some Conventions, with one exception, no speaker made charges of sinister actions by others.

The spirit of the Convention was one of optimism. The keynote seemed to be a deep and genuine concern for all the work of Mississippi Baptists.

In adopting a new policy for division of Cooperative Program funds, the Convention took one of its most far reaching steps. A later editorial will deal with this.

Every department and object had a good report with progress the dominant note. Mississippi Baptists are going forward, not merely holding their own, in the winning of the lost and the training and development of the saved.

The spirit of fellowship was fine. Nobody showed evidence of pessimism or disloyalty.

Meeting in a yearly Convention Mississippi Baptists review the past and plan for the future. Although much remains to be done, the past year was one of progress and accomplishment. The future plans are large but the future can be and will be even better as we move on to greater tasks and accomplishments.

—BR—

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

We do not need to urge the Baptist women of Mississippi to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. They can be counted upon. In fact, had they not courageously and sacrificially supported the Lottie Moon Offering during the depression days, Foreign Missions would probably have been counted

out.

We are urging the men to have a share in this offering. See that women without income are provided with funds to enable them to have a worthy share.

And we men should also have a share—a large one.

This offering provides missionary salaries, missionary homes, evangelistic literature, schools, hospitals, education for children of missionaries and on and on.

In earlier years the Lottie Moon Offering was considered strictly for women. It has now grown up and the men are urged to have a share in this great kingdom promoting program.

—BR—

The Baptist Record Now Costs Nothing

The idea for this editorial was taken from one written by Dr. D. M. Gardner, editor of the Baptist Standard of Texas. Although the majority of the churches in Mississippi now have the Baptist Record as a part of its program, some few still try to carry on without adequate knowledge of the world-wide program of Mississippi Baptists.

It is also true that many churches have already made their budgets for the coming year, but some are now in the midst of that work. For those, we have a word.

We hope every church will plan a budget. After adopting a budget, the church should be informed concerning the various items of the budget. They should be led to subscribe to the budget, and finally they should be led to give tithes and offerings so that the

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budget will be paid.

We offer one other suggestion. It is a suggestion that will help make it easier for the church to adopt a worthy budget. **MAKE THE BAPTIST RECORD A PART OF THE CHURCH PROGRAM.** That way the people will know about the various objects included in the budget. They will not be enthusiastic about any object about which they know little or nothing. This suggestion will not cost the church anything. It will make the budget a few dollars larger in its total. But more money will come in with the Baptist Record in the budget than without it. Certainly no one will expect Baptists to support with their money, and their work, time and prayers, any object about which they are ignorant.

There is no way now known that is practical by which Mississippi Baptists can be informed about all their work except through the Baptist Record. Certainly the pastor cannot do it. He could not do that if he had no other duties. The Baptist Record goes into every home every week. What pastor could go into every home every week and carry the information that the Baptist Record carries?

And it is true that the Baptist Record costs nothing, for as demonstrated time after time by figures taken from the Convention Board books, churches that have the Baptist Record average more, much more than the churches that do not have it. In other words include the Baptist Record as a part of your church program at the small cost of only 8 1-3 cents per family per month and your people will be more willing to adopt a

worthy budget, they will be more likely to subscribe a worthy budget, and they will then bring tithes and offerings that will be far more than they would without the Baptist Record.

The Baptist Record costs nothing. In other words, it pays. Offerings from Baptist Record churches are far more than the small cost of the Baptist Record.

—BR—

Baptists Invite Investigation

Much has been said during the past few months concerning alleged communism among preachers. Most of it is without factual support. However, because most of the statements and charges are absurd, we should not take the position that everyone is perfect.

We think the editorial quoted below which appeared in the recent issue of the Dallas Morning News is timely and to the point:

"Religion has nothing to fear from any untrue charge as to the loyalty of its spokesmen.

"Religion has everything to fear if it adopts the position that charges of disloyalty against pastor, rabbi or priest are absurd per se and require no investigation.

"By resolution at the San Antonio session Thursday, Texas Baptists met that situation fully and frankly. The Baptists of Texas invited probe of their clergy. The Baptist clergy joined in that open stand. Specifically, the House un-American activities committee was invited in.

"All of this makes sense. It is absurd to imagine that the clergy of this country, Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, is to a large degree set against the traditional democracy of this Republic. But it is fatuous to contend that there are no converts proselyted into Marxism, no dupes that have in ignorance spread the doctrine of our Communist infiltrators.

"The church—all churches—will be better off for a full and frank investigation.

"The example of Texas Baptists is one that should be supported by every faith, every denomination, every individual congregation."

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Our Readers Write

THE RECORD HELPS HER

Dear Bro. Goodrich:

Enclosed find \$1.50 for renewal for the Record. I really like our Baptist Record. I don't get to attend church very often, so it keeps me informed about what our church is doing. Also the Sunday School discussion keeps me up with the lessons when I fail to obtain a quarterly. Thank you for the good work you carry on.

MAUDE MILLER.

—BR—

SUGGESTS NEW NAME FOR WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Since the Woman's College is to admit men students, it is necessary to change its name. Now is the chance to honor a man who did more for that institution than any other person living or dead.

Dr. John L. Johnson became president of that college when it was taken over by the Baptist State Convention and almost "started it from scratch." The buildings were old frame structures and there was no endowment. The campus was low, flat, undrained, and unattractive.

Under the leadership of Dr. Johnson, the campus was beautified, the frame buildings were replaced with the permanent brick buildings we now have, the enrollment reached five hundred, and the college became accredited by the Southern Association.

If Dr. Johnson had been spared, the college would probably have survived the depression, and probably would not have closed and would now be an accredited institution with the dormitories filled with girls.

Other leaders have done well in spite of discouraging circumstances, but all will agree that Dr. Johnson's services deserve recognition. Mrs. Johnson's wonderful influence will never die. Other members of the Johnson family gave liberally to the endowment. Honor to whom honor is due. The college should honor the memory of a great president and be named

"JOHNSON MEMORIAL COLLEGE"

—M. P. L. BERRY.

—BR—

Dear Editor:

In the November 9 issue a reader wrote in agreement with a previous letter from Brother Maples that preachers receiving pastoral aid should pledge themselves not to use tobacco in any form.

I quote from the letter by "A Reader-Layman": "I am a firm believer and a contributor to mission work, but I don't like to see mission money used for things like tobacco."

I, too, am a firm believer in and a

supporter of missions. Never in my life have I used any form of tobacco, and it is not therefore from guilt that I call attention to the following fact.

The mission money we give is not purchasing the tobacco; the mission money is purchasing the work being accomplished on that field. The man receives the pastoral aid because of his work. What he spends it for is his own business, regardless of whether it suits me or others.

My pastor has been criticized because he drives a Buick, and most of us drive Fords. People say the church can't afford a Buick. The same applies here. We pay him his salary for his work as pastor. What he spends his money for is entirely his business.

The money in question by the reader and Bro. Maples, is given to the church for whoever they call as pastor, not to the man as an individual. It seems to me that it would be up to the church to decide whether it wants to call a man who spends his money in that manner.

A READER.

—BR—

WE CAN HAVE A BETTER CONVENTION—

BY DR. L. E. BARTON

The Houston Convention was the largest we have had. Nearly thirteen thousand messengers were registered. Many visitors must have made the total out-of-the-city Baptists eighteen to twenty thousand.

But the Houston Convention left much to be desired.

First the Program Committee, from whom some of us had hoped for more time for deliberation and free discussion, destroyed that hope by cutting out all afternoon sessions. In addition to that restriction they loaded the program down with special sermons and addresses. If the committee had studied By-Law 12, which says: "This Committee shall have due regard to the customary practices and precedents of the Convention over to special speakers. In arranging for the orderly and efficient conduct of its business and discussion of its work (see Sec. 19)", it could have seen that the elimination of afternoon sessions violated the custom of the Convention for more than a hundred years. They would have seen also that By-Law 19, referred to in their instructions, provides that one third of all time for discussion of all reports must be reserved for discussion from the floor. You have no right, according to the By-Laws, to assign all the time to those presenting reports and to appointed speakers.

The Convention went in a gallop because of the lack of time. It was furious haste from start to finish. There was no poise, no time for mature deliberation. Mature judgment and sound discussions are impossible in such atmosphere. If

there were not grave mistakes made it must be due to the promise: "The Lord preserveth the simple," with the common and not the Latin meaning of "simple."

The election of officers was a disgrace to any dignified Christian body which is concerned with the Lord's business. Because of a foolish amendment made to the constitution at Miami it took parts of two days to elect officers. One did not check the time but believes that the Convention gave more time, to the election of officers than to any other subject. Home and Foreign Missions with some other matters were crowded and jammed into one evening program. How absurd!

That foolish amendment adopted at Miami, just because the Convention happened to elect both the Vice presidents from Texas when it met in San Francisco, should be repealed so that the Convention can get on with its business. We should not be so tied by an unwise law that it requires two days to elect officers. And by the way, the ruling that the Convention can elect officers by a plurality vote instead of a majority is not constitutional. By-Law 3 reads: "The parliamentary authority of the Convention shall be Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law." Kerfoot says: "Majority rule is a fundamental principle in deliberative assemblies, except where an assembly voluntarily makes some other rule for itself." The Convention could make such a rule and put it in the By-Laws, but unless that is done it cannot, in order, elect by a plurality.

Let us hope that the next Program Committee will study and follow the By-Laws as to arrangement of consideration of business and open discussion. When freedom of discussion goes the freedom of the assembly goes; and regimentation and relegation of everything to committees follow.

We should never seek a fight for fight's sake, but Dr. Gambrell was right, as he usually was, when he said: "I don't like a fight but am wonderfully fond of the liberty that makes it possible." This Convention did not and cannot settle the matter of churches discarding the ordinance of baptism and practicing open membership. The Convention has no authority to command churches. But suppose churches and preachers should arise to deny the Virgin Birth, vicarious atonement, the essential deity and the bodily resurrection of the Lord. Is any one silly enough to think that the Convention must receive messengers from such organizations in order to avoid a fight? Conventions are as free as churches in determining their own membership.

Another true aphorism of Dr. Gambrell is, "All the people know more than some of the people"—a good thing for the program committee to remem-

ber before they turn all the time of the Convention and also special matters. It is not dealing fairly with the messengers to introduce an embarrassing personal equation by appointing a lot of special speakers on a program so that it seems personal to oppose the committee's report. Nobody is personally opposed to the noble brethren who are appointed. But such appointment constitutes a wrong policy and violates the By-Law provision about "the orderly and efficient conduct of its business and discussion of its work." A convention is a business meeting, a clearing house of opinion through intelligent discussion, the maturing and considering of reports and convention policies. That is the only way on earth for Baptists to do the job.

Committees and agencies, are good but they are our servants and not our masters. They don't mean to be our masters. But if everything is left for them to decide that feeling may grow up to our great detriment.

Let us reserve most of the Convention time for business and free discussion, and go light on special speakers. We don't want to oppose the Program Committee's report, but if all the time is assigned contrary to our fundamental rules that may become an issue which will cause a fight.

Liberty within law is a good rule for conventions as well as for citizens.

COMMENT: We cannot agree with Dr. Barton in saying that the program committee made a mistake in leaving out the afternoon sessions. We think that is one of the best things that has been done in years. Heretofore it has been a rush from the beginning of the Convention to the end. But with no afternoon sessions it was possible for various committees to meet and for others to keep. We are for the two sessions a day instead of three, as heretofore.

There is no merit in his contention that because we have had three sessions heretofore, that we should continue to do so. Any time a better plan for anything is developed we are for it, regardless of what the previous practice has been. He is correct in his contention that more time for free discussion from the floor should be provided.

He is correct in saying that there was a mix-up concerning the election of officers. However, this was not a disgrace as he terms it. We do not think this will occur again. It was simply a mistake, and many people make mistakes. If all of us were to be accused of being disgraced because of a mistake, a lot of us would be in the doghouse.

Nor can we agree with Dr. Barton that the amendment concerning the election of officers is a foolish one. It is a good one. It was made in order to prevent having two officers from the same state. This is a good thing.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Nancy Clower, Patsy Chambers, Camilia Harvey, Helen Chambers, Billy Roland, Hillsboro; Rev. Paul McDonald, Hillsboro; Rev. Homer Ainsworth, Clinton; A. J. Northcut, Pontotoc; Rev. H. Grady Charleston; Rev. and Mrs. Melvin T. Wilson, Liberty; Rev. Paul Kirke; Rev. Oliver, Marson; Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Bryant, Hickory Flat; Mrs. L. V. Cooper, Morton; Rev. Theo. G. Monroe, Wallis; Rev. J. W. Wood, Lumberton.

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Basden To Accept Gaston Ave. Church

Dr. Harold G. Basden, for the past five years pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, has resigned to become pastor of Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, effective Dec. 8.

The church to which Dr. Basden will be going has a membership of 7,000. The Sunday school department has an enrollment of 300 and training union, 1200. There are 27 Sunday school and training union departments.

Organized in 1880, the Dallas church is valued at over \$2,000,000. A new sanctuary was recently built at a cost of over \$1,150,000, and a quarter of a million dollar job is in progress on the old sanctuary building remodeling it into an educational building.

Dr. W. Marshall Craig, pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist church for 26 years, resigned last year for evangelistic work.

Under Dr. Basden's ministry Calvary Church has undergone a tremendous change. In the five years 1900 people have been received into the church. The Sunday School has been enlarged with seven new departments and 20 new classes organized. The adult departments have been graded. The rotation system for deacons was installed under his supervision and the sanctuary building remodeled for more efficient usage of space.

The sanctuary, lower auditorium and class rooms and the nursery building have all been air-conditioned this past summer, and the sanctuary building beautifully redecorated.

In 1949 when Dr. Basden first came to Calvary the total yearly contribution was \$105,600 and has doubled under his ministry to \$210,000 this year.

Dr. Basden was ordained by the Temple Baptist church in his home town, Memphis. He received his BA degree from Mississippi College, his Th.M. from Southwestern Seminary and his Th.D. there in 1949. He was a member of the faculty at Mississippi College from 1946 to 1948. He came to Calvary in January, 1949.

He married Miss Marjorie Abbott of Etowah, Tenn., in 1944 and a daughter, Peggy Lynn was born to them Sept. 27, 1953.

Dr. Basden has been actively

GROUND BREAKING SERVICE HELD AT MORTON



This picture shows a part of the group gathered outside the Morton Church for the ground breaking services recently. The church has entered a building program consisting of a two story educational building and a new auditorium to replace the old one.

The educational unit is the first unit to be constructed. When completed the structure will provide for 600 in the educational buildings, including a three story building just 4 years old, and 600 in the auditorium.

The men in the foreground are: J. A. Shields, chairman of the Deacons; M. L. Stewart and Jack Stuart, co-chairmen of the Building Committee; D. R. Ott, chairman of the Finance Committee; D. Moon, Building Supervisor, and Rev. Carl Duck, pastor.

identified with the denomination both convention, and state-wide.

He has been instrumental in leading his church to become the largest giver in the state to the Cooperative Program.

He was honored by the State Convention in being asked to preach the sermon at the annual meeting of the convention this past week.

He is a trustee of Mississippi College and is chairman of the local board of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary for Negroes which is supported by several Negro Baptist Conventions and the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

He served on the committee on boards at the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston.

Special Thanksgiving Revival Services will begin at Willow Grove Baptist Church, located 7 miles East of Collins. Thursday, November 26, at 11:00 A.M. and will continue each night at 7:30 P.M. This has been an annual observance.

Rev. H. L. Fewell, Pastor of Baxterville Baptist Church, will be the visiting evangelist, and the public is cordially invited to attend."

The People Had A Crop Failure

BY GARLAND A. HENDRICKS

Recently I talked with a number of pastors who are very much discouraged about what the churches will be able to do next year. These churches are located in rural communities where there was a serious drought this year, which resulted in a crop failure. The people in these churches are eager to go on making progress in their program of work. They do not want to take a backward step, yet it will be impossible for them to do as much as they had hoped to do. What should such a church undertake next year?

In every church we should be humbly grateful to God for every blessing we have received all during our lifetime. Lean years are as old as human history. God's people have always been confronted with them at times. But there are more fat years than lean years. Even in the leanest of times we should remember this with gratitude. We should also be hopeful about God's blessings next year. The spiritual destiny of man does not hinge purely on good crops and large income. We should bear this in mind. When we are confronted with a time of difficulty as now we can appreciate each other more and bonds of fellowship bind us a little closer together. Our sense of dependence upon God is a little more real. We can go on growing spiritually in lean years as well as fat years.

We should determine to keep the church program going forward in every possible way. There will be something to work with. We should be good stewards of little as well as of much. Sometimes we do not recognize that as a part of stewardship every person in a church does a little. It is amazing how it adds up to something big. Some of us have not proved good stewards of our plenty. Why not make an all out effort to be a good steward of our little, then when we are blessed more bountifully later, we will know better how to be good

Convention Takes

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at the request of the State Convention last year.

MINISTERS SECURITY PLAN

The Convention went on record as adopting the proposed new Minister's Security Plan.

This plan, before it can go into effect July 1, 1954 must be adopted by two-thirds of the members and Churches in Mississippi now in the plan.

The new plan calls for five increased benefits to those in the plan and at the same time calls for an increase in dues, to the member himself, the Church and the demonization.

MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING

The convention gave authority to the Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital to construct a self-liquidating Medical Arts Building in Jackson on the property just purchased by the Hospital across North State Street from the Hospital.

It is contemplated that an underground tunnel would connect the Building with the Hospital.

The Convention gave full authority to the Trustees to construct and finance the proposed venture, without passing any indebtedness on to the Convention.

Office space would be offered to rent to doctors and others related to the Medical Arts Building, thereby making it a self-liquidating project.

The Trustees would operate the new building separately from the Hospital itself and they would have authority to decide as to management and the number of floors and all other matters.

The recommendation, coming originally from the Hospital Board of Trustees, was presented to the Convention with full endorsement by the Social Service Commission, Rev. Carmon Savell, Iuka, Chairman.

stewards of plenty.

We should keep in mind that two thirds of the people in our world have not accepted Christ as Lord. The unsaved people of the world are in the same need of Christ as always. We must not let our missions effort slacken. We must not let our interest in the salvation of souls wane. God is counting on us.

In all our difficulty we should pray earnestly that God may help us to grow in Christian grace. Keeping this in mind our souls will be nourished, and our churches will be strengthened even in a time of need.

—BR—

Robert H. Culpepper, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, said: "Many of you have asked what you could do in a material way for the work here. You can encourage a higher percentage of local offerings to go to the Cooperative Program and double your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year.

"This will make it possible to continue advancing in this and other fields around the world. May we be filled with the spirit of Christ that we may accept the challenge to advance and realize the inspired vision of our late Dr. M. Theron Rankin."

Japanese Baptize

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\$50.00 per member if measured by U.S. income standards.

About 60 young people are now studying for full-time Christian service in the Baptist seminary and training school in Fukuoka, Japan.

Edwin B. Dozier, Southern Baptist missionary, says the present rate of training ministers and other Christian workers is not enough to supply the 11 pastorless churches. Already there are 48 national pastors and evangelists serving in various capacities.

Mr. Dozier says many new areas of work are waiting to be entered while national pastors and Southern Baptist missionaries are being prepared. The Japan Baptist Mission (made up of Southern Baptist missionaries) has reached its minimum goal of 100 missionaries.

—BR—

Alabama Baptists Set \$1,894,000 Mission Goal

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — Alabama Baptists in session here voted a 1954 Cooperative Program goal of \$1,894,000 to be divided 54 per cent to state causes and 46 per cent to Southern Baptist causes.

Action was taken to authorize Howard College to borrow \$1,500,000 to start building on the new campus in order that the college may move to its new site within five years, and if possible within three years. The over-all cost of the buildings of the minimum plant is estimated at \$7,172,000.

—BR—

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has recently received \$100,000 from the Jarman Foundation for the construction of the Central Baptist Church of Bogota, Colombia.

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THANKSGIVING SHIPMENTS FOR BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Many people were in Jackson last week attending the meeting of the Convention when Thanksgiving Shipments for the Orphanage were made. You may be in this group. If so, **REMEMBER IT IS NOT TOO LATE.** Any shipments made through December 31, will be handled free by the RAILROADS. Please see that your people are informed about this matter and ask them to do their best. **WITH A BIG THANK YOU FROM ALL THE FACULTY AND CHILDREN OF YOUR OWN BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.**

W. G. Mize, Superintendent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

Clarksdale	619	110
Laurel, Second Ave.	403	118
Laurel, First	594	179
Laurel, Hillcrest	75	70
West Laurel	451	168
Hattiesburg, Main St.	916	404
Raymond	193	78
Petal, First	107	56
Morton	320	144
Main	300	
Mission	20	
Meridian, Poplar Spgs.	391	156
Jackson:		
Southside	393	195
Daniel Memorial	643	297
Highland	142	96
Calvary	1505	496
Main	1436	450
Mission	69	46
First	1694	744
Main	1472	624
Ridgecrest	222	120
Parkway	1101	596
Crestwood	595	464
Van Winkle	521	286
Broadmoor	316	143
Leavell Woods	161	100
Northside	530	124
Wayside (Yalobusha)	28	
Sharon, First (Jones)	140	85
Hattiesburg, Temple	547	219
West Point, First	568	214
Nola (Lawrence)	50	65
New Hope (Marion)	170	122
Beulah (Brownsville)	81	69
Murphrees Creek	137	107
Kosciusko, Second	202	127
Philadelphia, First	401	138
Oakland Heights	250	87
Meridian, Southside	449	184
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	109	106
Clinton	641	363
Yazoo City, Calvary	249	191
East End	452	222
McComb, Friendship	182	95
McComb, Locust St.	88	61
West Point, Calvary	200	159
New Albany, First	592	184
Mission	48	
Tupelo, Harrisburg	506	198
Taylorville	181	99
Olive Branch	130	72
Oral, (Lamar)	96	66
Bay St. Louis, First	149	73
Bethlehem Jones	174	121
Greenwood, Calvary	521	221
Yazoo City, First	464	166
Hernando, First	160	134

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Because there is no reference work in existence that even slightly provides information that is essential to supplying Baptists with a true understanding of their thought, history, life, service and organized activities. We are not an ignorant people. We have by our inaction manacled ourselves with an appalling ignorance of ourselves as Baptists. We know less about ourselves than the average member of another denomination knows about the background of his church.

How we came to be what we are is largely a sealed book to 98 per cent of our people. We do not have available the materials that are needed to inform our people about ourselves. The resources that would supply pastors, teachers,

and those who produce creative programs in our churches are too remote, in most instances, for them to find. An adequate encyclopedia would cover this serious need.

The future of our denomination depends much on having such help. Because of our ignorance of ourselves we too easily become the prey of proselytizers.

Because we are not acquainted with ourselves orthodoxy in one area is heresy in another.

These and other values will be expanded later.

—BR—

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: W. O. Presson, Louisville; E. G. Shelton, Rev. K. Z. Stevens, Columbus; Rye. Ivan Lowry, Hazlehurst; Rev. M. E. Perry, Greenville; Rev. Clarence Palmer, Chalybeate; G. C. McElroy, Oxford; J. H. Hall, Oxford; B. M. Stringer, Sumrall; W. J. Jones and F. C. Norris, Hattiesburg; Grady Stringer, Sumrall; R. A. Thaxton, Central; R. B. McGowne, Hattiesburg; Mary Ann Hester and Pat Pinson, Hattiesburg; F. H. Miller, DeKalb; Rev. Lincoln D. Newman, Lucedale.

New Holmesville Pastor



REV. RICHARD W. LEUBBERT

Rev. Richard W. Leubbert, attending New Orleans Seminary, is the new pastor of Holmesville church in Pike County.

He is a native of St. Louis, Mo. and has attended Hannibal La Grange College, Hannibal, Mo., Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee and holds B.A. from Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Mo. He has held pastorates in Oklahoma and Missouri.

The Holmesville church is now debt free and beginning a building program.

—BR—

The December issue of the Baptist Student contains the following of special interest to Mississippians: "The Well of the Star," by Louise Girling, Miss. College graduate; Hainon Miller, of Clinton, student at Tulane University, is featured as "Baptist Student of the Month"; a picture story of Mississippi's State Retreat for BSU Officers at Woman's College last Spring, and "Party Paralysis" by Nell Magee, Tylertown, a student at Southwestern Seminary, and Robt. W. Childress, also a student there.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

By AUNT POLLY

"WHERE ARE THE NINE?"

Today we think of our Pilgrim Father's, many of whom lost their lives in that first cold winter in 1620. They found wild animals and Indians in this strange land to which they had come.

The next summer their crops were not as good as they desired, but they were thankful for that which they had. After the harvest they planned a great celebration and invited the Indians to join

them. Services were planned in the church and the people thanked the Lord and feasted for 3 days. This was the first Thanksgiving and was held at Plymouth in 1621.

Paul, more than 1500 years before, had written to the Thessalonians, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God."

There are some people who forget to give thanks. It seems impossible to accept so many blessings without ever taking time to say "Thank you, God."

The men who had the terrible disease called leprosy, called to Jesus one day and said, "Master, have mercy on us."

Jesus told them what to do to be cleansed. They showed their faith in Him by doing as they were told. How happy they were to be healed. Now the could associate with other people. They ran to tell their friends and relatives. Surely, they should be indebted to Jesus and eternally grateful to him. But nine forgot to say, "Thank you, Jesus." Only one took time to express his gratitude.

Jesus asked, "Where are the nine?"

He need not ask where we are if we are in our proper places expressing our appreciation for all our good gifts.



DR. PRESTON L. RAMSEY

Dr. Preston L. Ramsey of Somerset, Ky., will be the evangelist in a revival at Griffith Church, Jackson, November 30—December 6.

The church's Minister of Music, Byron Jay, will direct the singing. Rev. L. W. Ferrell is the pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (WRR)—

News from Turkey, circulated by the Turkish government here, has revealed in its latest issue that groups of pilgrims from many lands continue to visit the house at Panaya Kapula (near Izmir and Ephesus in Turkey), where Mary, Mother of Jesus, is reputed to have spent some of the last days of her life on earth. The Sacred Congregation of the Oriental Church, in its Decree of August 1, 1953, No. 408-50, issued in the name of the Supreme Pontiff, has accorded a seven-year Plenary Indulgence applicable to all the faithful who, having received the Sacraments of Penance and of the Holy Communion, shall visit the sanctuary at Panaya Kapula and offer prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff, or any Sunday or Holy Days of Obligation, on days dedicated to the Blessed Mother, or on any day during the whole month of May.

—BR—

The Baptist Record has received a copy of the minutes of the DeSoto county Association which met at Gray's Creek Church. The next meeting will be at Center Hill on September 2. The seven tables included give complete information concerning the churches of the association.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I go to Robinson Street Church, Jackson. I like our pastor, Rev. Leonard Holloway, very much.

We made dolls in Bible school this year, and we made the City of Jerusalem.

Mrs. Leon Brekenridge, is my teacher in Sunday School.

I like to read your column and see what other boys and girls are doing in their churches. Last year at Thanksgiving we carried a basket of fruit to the Charity Hospital to some sick children. This year we are going to carry a basket to the Community Hospital.

I am trying to grow as Jesus did in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.

SYLVIA DANIEL,
Jackson.

Dear Sylvia:

There is no better way to grow as Jesus did than to take part in such mission projects as you have named above. It is indeed a blessing to share what we have, however, small or large it might be, with others. It blesses both the giver and the one who receives the gift. Also it shows that you are busy obeying the command of Christ.

Even as it brings joy when we share the material possessions that we have, it gives great joy to share Jesus with others. None of us is too young to tell others about Jesus. And there is no happiness like that of sharing Him.

AUNT POLLY.

—BR—

(Letters to Aunt Polly should be sent to her in care of the Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson.)

Baptist Training Union

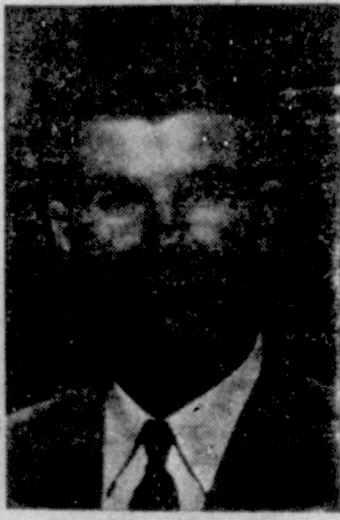
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State Training Union Convention Features Outstanding Personalities



DR. JOE DAVIS HEACOCK

Fort Worth, Texas



REV. GEORGE E. BAGLEY

Montgomery, Alabama

An outstanding program has been planned for the Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention which is scheduled to meet at First Baptist Church Jackson on Dec. 29, 1953. Several outstanding out-of-state personalities will have a prominent part on the program.

Three sessions have been planned for the Convention. The morning session will begin at 9:30 a. m., the afternoon session at 2:15 p. m., and the evening session at 6:45 p. m. Dr. Joe Davis Heacock will speak on the subject "If I were An Associational Training Union Director" during the morning session and "If I Were A Church Training Union Director" at the evening session. Rev. George E. Bagley, State Training Union Director of Alabama, will bring the message of the morning, "Keeping the Faith."

GOAL: ONE STANDARD TRAINING UNION

One of the greatest areas of needed development in Mississippi Training Union life is that of emphasis on having more standard unions, Departments and Training Unions. This need is emphasized by the fact that last year we had fewer standard units than we did four or five years ago.

We believe much of the difference can be explained by the change in sending in applications for standard recognition. It used to be that each union quarterly carried such an application and consequently an interested leader or president could take the initiative in reporting his union.

Now it is altogether up to the Training Union Director. Each quarter, during the last month of the quarter, we mail to each Training Union Director a Quarterly Report. One piece of information on this quarterly report is the number of standard unions and departments. On the basis of this we mail to the director the required number of applications for standard recognition.

Why do we not have more standard units of organization? It could be because it has not been emphasized in the church. We believe that the Training Union Director, who is constantly talking about standard work, emphasizing it in the meetings, working with leaders, presidents and department directors to help them plan a program to reach the standard, will check with them on the matter and will be eager to report those unions and departments.

We believe each church should set as its goal one standard Training Union and then begin striving for that goal.

Here is the state-wide record for 1952-53 and it is with a great deal of embarrassment that we present it. The number indicates the different units of organization union and departments) and the asterisks indicate a Standard Training Union for at least one quarter.

Parkway Hinds	12
Tishomingo Chapel (Alcorn)	3
Alta Woods (Hinds)	2
Edon (Jasper)	1
Dublin (Jeff Davis)	1
East McComb (Pike)	7*
Tutwiler (Tallahatchie)	2*
Mountain Creek (Rankin)	1
Oxford, First (Lafayette)	1

CONVENTION ASKS GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO HONOR PROMISES

We are recommending to the Convention Board a larger appropriation to Temperance work this year to provide extra well trained personnel for a real legislative and educational program to be carried on by the United Dry Association. The purpose is to convince the State, going into the churches and also schools where invited, with scientific facts about alcohol and with a moral and spiritual approach.

The Temperance Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board recommends to the Convention that it go on record as calling on the Governor and Legislature of the State of Mississippi to make good on the mandate provisions of the Referendum Bill, Senate Bill No. 565, Regular Legislative Session of 1952, the pertinent provisions reading as follows: "Provided further, that if a majority of the qualified electors voting vote against the proposal as submitted, said vote shall be a mandate to the Legislature to set up a sufficient enforcement agency to carry out the provisions of such mandate."

By a majority of approximately 60,000 votes the people of Mississippi have spoken rejecting legal liquor for Mississippi, and Mis-

issippi's lawmakers are mandated by their own act to enact into law those provisions which are best calculated to insure good law enforcement in the State.

The Temperance Committee recommends that the Convention endorse as such a program the legislative program of the United Dry Association which includes the following:

1. Prohibition of light wine and beer statewide. Fifty-two of Mississippi's 82 counties have already outlawed it by local option.
2. Repeal Black Market Tax Law.
3. Provide for recall of any law enforcement officer who fails to do his duty.
4. Make possession of federal liquor or gambling license a felony.
5. Pass a "Bone Dry" law patterned on the Oklahoma law.
6. Provide scientific tests for suspected drunken drivers patterned on the New York law.
7. Provide by constitutional amendment for nine-man jury verdicts in criminal cases less than capital.
8. Such other bills as may have the support of United temperance forces in the state.

MC STUDENTS MAKE PLANS TO AID KOREA



Mississippi College students plan to give some Korean orphans a Merry Christmas this year. A campus-wide drive is under way to collect warm clothes, to ship the clothes over in time for Christmas, and money to pay the postage. Sponsored by the Young People's Training Union, Bobby Pittman of Greenwood and Peggy Emerson of Hernando, pictured above, are gladly making their contributions. Anyone interested in helping may send clothes or money to Training Union Representative Billy Joe Cross, Clinton, Miss., before December 6.

(Photo by Fred Otte.)

On Sunday November 15, 1953, the Cary Baptist Church ordained two deacons. They were W. K. Melton and John McGibboney. Rev. D. D. Satterwhite pastor of the Rolling Fork Church preached the ordination sermon and the pastor led the ordination prayer. The pastors and deacons from the other churches of the Sharkey-Issaquena Association participated in the service.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

November 30—W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions; Hubert Laseter, Walthall Training Union director.
 December 1—Mrs. W. T. Waring, Jackson Associational W. M. U. Supt. Allen Puckett, Columbus, Baptist Foundation trustee.
 December 2—John E. Stone, Jackson, Baptist Hospital trustee; Barney Whitfield, Picayune, Woman's College trustee.
 December 3—Rev. C. H. Cutrell, Salhoun County Convention member. Mrs. Belle Ferguson Simmons, Blue Mountain College trustee.
 December 4—Dr. H. L. Cokerham, Baptist Memorial Hospital. Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, Baptist Orphanage trustee.
 December 5—Rev. W. L. McMullen, Newton, Clarke College trustee; Jo Ann Summers, office secretary, Baptist Building.
 December 6—Frank McDonald, Meridian, Mississippi College trustee.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

The BR Score Was 98%

In recent issues the Baptist Record has carried a list of the 100 churches giving the most to the Cooperative Program and the 100 churches giving the most to all causes. In one instance it was necessary to carry the names of 101 churches because two churches had given the same amount.

Pardon us for being so immodest but may we call your attention to the fact that 99 of the 101 churches and 98 of the 100 churches were EVERY FAMILY churches.

In other words the facts show that in 98 out of 100 cases the Baptist Record does help.

Holyfield Leads Myrick To EF Plan

Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Charles Holyfield, Myrick Church is on the EVERY FAMILY list of the Baptist Record.

A few weeks ago the pastor asked that the Record be sent for a few weeks so that the people might become better acquainted with the Record. There was the usual result. The church adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan and it is now a part of the church program.

Jones County Record readers are now listed as follows:

FREEDOM, 49; BETHEL, 29; BETHLEHEM, 83; CALVARY, 32; COUNTY LINE, 50; ELLISVILLE, 143; FAIRFIELD, 44; Fellowship, 6; Friendship, 2; HARMONY, 135; HEBRON, 58; INDIAN SPRINGS, 92; LAUREL, FIRST, 445; LAUREL, SECOND AVENUE, 243; LAUREL, BEACON, 107; LAUREL, SOUTH, 44; LAUREL, WEST, 172; MOSELE, 48; EAST VIEW, 76; MYRICK, 56; NEW HOPE, 33; OVETT, 43; PECAN GROVE, 42; PINE GROVE, 51; SANDERSVILLE, 72; SAND HILL, 38; SHARON, 88; Shelton, 18; SOSO, 108; SUMMERLAND, 52; TUCKER'S CROSSING, 23; GLADE, 140; Pleasant Ridge, 1; WEST ELLISVILLE, 56; Eastabuchie, 16; LAUREL, HIGHLAND, 115; Laurel, Joe Wheeler, 16; LAUREL, WILDWOOD, 191; EMMANUEL, 20; HILLCREST, 25.

Figures Prove Worth Of Every Family Plan

While attending one of Mississippi's good associations, we had time before the session began to do a little figuring. And here are the results of that figuring: The churches, in that association that do not have the Baptist Record as of their program averaged 84 cents a part of their program averaged 84 per cent member for outside cause. The churches that have the Baptist Record as a part of their program averaged 3.17 per member. But the non-Baptist Record churches being country churches, we eliminated the town and city churches and found that the country Baptist Record churches averaged 2.14 per member.

In other words, the Baptist Record churches recorded gifts of

1.30 per member more than the churches without the Baptist Record. Of course, this difference is easily explained. Churches with the Baptist Record know what Baptist are doing, and trying to do and those without it don't.

The churches that have the Baptist Record have a total membership of approximately 4300. As those 4,300 average \$1.30 per person more than those without the Record, the gain was approximately \$5,590, and the Baptist Record cost those churches approximately \$1,433. You can figure the gain for yourself.

The Baptist Record does pay.

Indian Hill, Perry County, Sends List

Indian Hill Church in Perry County believes in keeping informed and one step in that direction is making the Baptist Record a part of the church program.

Recently Mrs. Frank Roberts, the treasurer, sent a list of names to whom the Baptist Record is to be sent.

Record readers in Perry County are now listed as follows: BETHEL, 23; ARLINGTON, 28; BEAUMONT, 69; BREWER, 29; Indian Hill, 11; INDIAN SPRINGS, 25; JANICE, 28; KENNEDY MEMORIAL, 24; NEW AUGUSTA, 60; RICHTON, 81; Runnelstown, 1; Seminary, 12; UNION, 30.

Calvary, West Point, Is Number 1071

Believing that a good start means a good ending, Pastor James Richardson of the newly organized Calvary Church in West Point, has led that church to make the Baptist Record a part of its program.

The church was organized only a few weeks ago and is already making much progress.

Record readers in Clay County are now listed as follows: CALVARY, 87; Cedar Bluff, 17; Enon, 13; NEW MONTEPIER, 26; PHEBA, 58; SILOAM, 70; West Point, FIRST, 324; West Point, WEST END, 62.

Trial Plan Works Again

As is usually the case, the Trial Plan worked at Ridge Church in Scott County. A few weeks ago the pastor, Rev. E. T. Glover asked that the Baptist Record be sent for a few weeks on trial to acquaint the people with the merits of the Baptist Record.

And the expected happened. The pastor writes that the church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Record readers in Scott County are now listed as follows:

BETHLEHEM, 47; BRANCH, 42; Clifton, 2; CASH, 24; FOREST, FIRST, 236; GOOD HOPE, 42; GROVETON, 20; HARPERVILLE, 62; HILLSBORO, 32; HOMEWOOD, 22; HOPEWELL, 29; Lake, 17; LIBERTY, 36; LUDLOW, 81; MORTON, 185 New Home, 11; Oak Grove, 18; Pleasant Ridge, 2; PULASKI, 24; RIDGE, 24; SAND RIDGE, 21; SPRINGFIELD, 67; UNION, 21; TWO MILE, 29; SALEM, 24.

ORA CHURCH BEGINS FULL-TIME PROGRAM



The Ora Baptist Church, Covington Association, has taken another step in a great effort for more and better work for the Master by adopting a full time program.

The church had a half-time program two years ago when it got in such financial condition that it even dropped the Baptist Record from the budget. That's too far down for any church to get so it awoke, organized at Brotherhood, adopted a building program, put the Record back in the budget (EVERY FAMILY PLAN), and began to work.

The church has built eight class rooms and a pastor's study and is working toward the completion of a basement assembly room with a kitchen and two rest rooms. It also raised its offering to the co-operative program and the Covington Association. Since going full

time, last month, the church has had a record attendance in Sunday School and Training Union and has had a record offering for one Sunday. It is now acquiring land for a site for a pastorium. Rev. Joe D. Boutwell is pastor. Shown above is the congregation leaving after the first service of the full-time program.

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People passing through Holly Springs have no difficulty locating the First Baptist Church. Shown above is one of the many signs on all roads leading into Holly Springs.

Rev. J. D. Walker, pastor of the Normangee, (Texas), Church, will be in Mississippi during the Christmas holidays and will be available for supply work on Sunday, December 27. Anyone needing a supply for that date should write him at Normangee.

VARIOUS COMMITTEES NAMED AT CONVENTION

On recommendation of the Committee on Committees the following committees were elected by the State Convention:

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E. D. Elliott, Greenville
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L. O. Murphy, Laurel
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La. from Hickory Grove, Caushat-
ta, La.

L. P. Barnette, Riverside, Ander-
son S. C. from Tabernacle, Pelzer,
S. C.

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Church, Tapoco, Tenn. from Pine-
ville, Ky.

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Arkansas Baptists To Buy Camp Site

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (BP) — Arkansas R. A.'s and G. A.'s will have a new camp. Final action was given the Executive Board to select and secure a site for the camp at the annual Arkansas Baptist Convention in session here.

A total Cooperative Program goal of \$1,190,460 to be divided 55 per cent to state causes and 45 per cent to Convention-wide causes was adopted. All funds received above the Cooperative Program goal plus \$10,000 which is designated to the Memorial Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., will be divided 50-50 between the Southern Baptist Convention and capital needs of state institutions.

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Nester To Pine Grove



REV. E. A. HESTER

Rev. E. A. Hester, former pastor Bond Church in Neshoba county is the new pastor of Pine Grove Church in Jones County. He and his family were greeted with a well filled pantry.

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"Since the securing of a Convention city is becoming increasingly more difficult, and since cities in which the Convention can be entertained are making their arrangements at least three years in advance, we recommend that the Convention city be selected by the Convention three years in advance, and ask that cities planning to extend invitations at St. Louis Convention 1956 and 1957 do so by the December meeting of the Executive Committee.

O. R. Shields, Chairman Committee on Convention Arrangements Executive Committee of the S. B. C.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

KIDNAPPERS

Question: I have been very disappointed in the case of Bobby Greenlease's kidnapers. It seems to me that such people are mentally sick or they wouldn't do such things. Yet everybody seems to feel that the solution is to kill these kidnapers.

What do you think about such cases?

Answer: Only God knows the extent of guilt in any given act. Where sin ends and mental illness begins is a very delicate question.

I, too, have been disappointed in the newspaper editorials and the conversation about the Greenlease case.

It seems to me that the Christian approach to this case is somewhat as follows. In the first place, probably the only way to dispose of the kidnapers, for the sake of law and order, is to give them the limit of the penalty. Perhaps some others will be held back from such terrible crimes by fear.

But we need to remember that closing the gate after the horse is out is not very intelligent. Christians ought to work for the kind of reform which will lock up these "repeaters" in crime for life. This is the only kind thing to do. If a man cannot manage his own life society ought to prevent him from bringing utter destruction on himself and others. Such people are emotionally twisted, and some can be helped.

Too, some of these people could be saved by the power of Christ. I recommend a book entitled Release (published by Harpers), by Starr Daily. It shows what Christ can do for a criminal. But along with this needs to be read Cleckley's "The Mask of Sanity." It deals with criminals also.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Goals for 1954 for the promotion and organization of the associational, state, and local church music programs will be established and a program launched to realize them will be made when the Baptist state music secretaries hold their annual conference in Nashville on December 14-16. The conference will be under the direction of W. Hines Sims, secretary of the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. The revision of some of the church music training course texts and pamphlets will be considered and a Standard of Excellence for a church music department will be discussed.

HINDS ASSOCIATION APPROVES FULL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

In the recent annual meeting of the Hinds County Association, all recommendations necessary to set up a full Associational Music Organization were presented, and adopted. This makes the program in Hinds under the leadership of Associational Missionary, Reverend Fred Tarpley, a FIVE STAR PROGRAM.

The associational hymn sing, which is the mass meeting of the music organization is set up in the associational calendar. Plans are underway to set in motion a program emphasizing all the promotions and activities of the State Department of Church Music.

The Church Music Department will be happy to receive a report of any church or association with a FIVE STAR PROGRAM.

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MISSION GOAL SET BY ARIZONA BAPTISTS

TUCSON, Ariz. (BP)—Arizona Baptists voted a Cooperative Program goal of \$308,250 for 1954 at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. The goal will be divided 32 per cent to Convention-wide causes and 68 per cent to state causes.

Other convention action included (1) approval of the convention's holding two regional conventions; one in Colorado, one in Utah the first week in May 1954, looking forward to the constitution of conventions in outlying states. That when these states, or state, decide to become conventions, that at their request not to exceed one year prior to date of convention, that one-half of cooperative receipts coming to this convention from the churches in those states be set aside for operating expenses of their new convention upon its organization, (2) reaffirmed convention's position for the complete separation of church and state as set forth in the constitution of the United States and interpreted by the Supreme Court, (3) call for Arizona senators to use influence to the utmost in the United States Senate to bring end to sale of alcoholic beverages in all army posts, at home and abroad, (4) urged pastors and churches to dedicate 1954 as year of doctrinal emphasis.

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AND IT DIDN'T HURT THE OTHER CLASS

Sometimes when it is suggested that we organize another class for adult men or women, some one says it will hurt the class that is already there, and that has been there for many years, and usually without much, if any, growth.

However, it nearly always works the other way, and does not hurt the old class, or classes.

Here is a case in point: Mr. A. P. Smith, Jr., superintendent of the Monticello school, led in organizing a new class for adult men six months ago. There was then only one class of adult men, with an enrollment of 71. Now, six months later, the new class has 15 enrolled and the old class has an enrollment of 74, a gain of 3. This makes a total of 89 adult men enrolled instead of the 71 before the new class was organized.

No, new classes do not hinder but help reach more people. The more units we have working at the job, the more people we will reach. Rev. Joe Hudson is the pastor.

STARKVILLE FIRST ADVANCES

One or two branch Sunday schools, another Intermediate department, a department for married young people and another class for adult men are the objectives of the First Baptist church, Starkville, in reaching its share of the "Million More in '54."

These advance steps will certainly help do the job in a great way.

Dr. Wilbur Smith is the pastor and Dr. C. Dale Hoover the superintendent.

NEW SCHOOLS GROW FASTER

New Sunday schools grow at the average rate of 45 for the first year. This is much faster than the

average for the older schools.

Here's a case: Ridgecrest, in Jackson, a mission of the First Baptist church, is six months old, and the Sunday school enrollment has grown from 32 to 300 within that short time.

If we are to reach the people, we must go where they are. Southern Baptists have not hesitated long in the vital matter of establishing new mission stations and churches. That's why we have grown so much.

Let's keep up the good work and organize mission schools wherever possible and give others the opportunity of Bible study each Sunday.

OLD OR NEW WILL DO

Adult and Young People's classes desiring to reach the standard may do so by using either the old or new plan of class organization. The old one will be recognized for two years.

However, since the new set-up has fewer officers than the old, it will be easier to reach by the new plan, and thus be in line in that also.

Application blanks will be sent on request.

NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY FOR STANDARD

It is now time to make application for standard recognition for the new year. This is for schools, departments and classes.

Get your unit on the standard list early in the year so your people will have the benefits and encouragements of it for as much of the full year as possible.

Application blanks will be sent on request.

Remember: Standard Units Are Better.

PARKWAY VISITATION SWELLS ATTENDANCE



Shown above is the group during the supper hour. The insert shows, left to right: Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor; J. L. Eason, Sunday School superintendent; Jesse Griffin, Training Union director; Mrs. Bethel Ferguson, W. M. U. president; and Curtis Beard, director of education and promotion.

The leaders of Parkway Baptist Church Sunday School and Training Union met in a joint supper visitation program Thursday night, November 12, with 150 members present. The occasion for the extra emphasis was to visit in the interest of high attendance goals set by the two organizations Sunday, November 15, resulting in an all time high attendance of 1251 in Sunday School and 782 in Training Union.

Parkway has a weekly visitation program with the Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood participating.

The Sunday School reported 17,000 visits, 29,000 phone calls, and 16,000 cards and letters in the interest of the Sunday School last year.

NEW CHURCH IS CONSTITUTED AT WALLS

First Baptist Church, Walls, was recently constituted with 38 charter members. The organization resulted from meetings held over a period of three weeks. Already the group has increased its membership to 57.

The structure, donated for a meeting place until a church can be built, has been renovated to provide an auditorium and five classrooms. A piano and 100 seats have been purchased.

The church plans to request membership in the association next year, since it was organized too late to enter this year. The budget which was adopted includes five per cent for the Cooperative Program.

Rev. Theodore G. Monroe is the pastor. He has recently graduated from Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. This is his first pastorate in Mississippi.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Dr. F. M. Purser, Oxford; Rev. and Mrs. Hugh G. Collins, James; Dock Cash, Jackson; T. M. Farrar, Hazlehurst; Rev. H. Fred Williams, Biloxi; Rev. Luther Turner, Richton; Rev. J. D. Lundy, Pascagoula; Dorothy Coamus, Josephine Lunday, Mrs. Dale Easterling, Pascagoula; M. R. Massey, Lexington; Chas. P. Dockery, Hernando; Rev. and Mrs. Haywood Moore, Booneville; Rev. Newell Massey, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. J. L. Morgan, Meridian.

Convention Board Members Elected

Representing a cross section of Mississippi Baptists (one member from each association, large or small) the following were elected to the important Convention Board:

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Pike, J. I. Hurst	Summit
Pontotoc, George Q. Edens	Pontotoc
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Tippah, George H. Gay	Waynesboro
Tishomingo, Carmon Savell	Union Church
Union, M. C. Nelson	Waynesboro
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Wayne, E. F. Hicks	Water Valley
Yalobusha, C. C. Stacy	Yazoo City
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Zion, L. L. George	Mantee

TERMS EXPIRE 1955

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Carroll, W. Martin Smith	Carrollton
George, Van H. Hardin	Lucedale
Greene, J. Thomas Tolar	McLain
Grenada, N. R. Pascal	Grenada
Holmes, C. M. Day	Durant
Jasper, G. W. Land	Louin
Jeff Davis, D. A. McGee	Prentiss

Pontotoc Church Receives Marker

On Sunday, November 15, Toxish Church, Pontotoc County, on the occasion of the presentation of a memorial plaque by the Mississippi Historical Society, observed homecoming.

Toxish is the oldest Baptist Church in Pontotoc county, having been organized in 1837, and is the "Mother Church" of at least seven churches in the area: Zion, Pleasant Grove, Houka, Shiloh, Troy, Pontocola, and Secona Valley.

Rev. Hugh Tully of the Lyman Church, Birmingham, Ala. brought the morning message. Mr. Tully, who was ordained at Toxish in 1914, is the only active minister ordained by the church. However, there are now three ministerial students from the church, one in school at Mississippi College, and two at Clarke College. One girl, a mission volunteer, is also a student at Mississippi College.

Miss Ruth Thompson was in charge of the afternoon program which consisted of "Toxish Yesterday," by Mrs. George W. Owens; "Toxish Today," by Mrs. Leon Ashmore; and "Toxish Tomorrow," by Lamar Waters, a

Orphanage Campus To Be Attractively Lighted

A contract has been let for installation of mercury vapor street lighting system and incandescent floodlights for the Baptist orphanage.

Members of the Trustees present for the awarding of this contract and attending to other routine Orphanage business were: Joe H. McCully, Louisville; Dr. C. M. Wells, Canton; W. H. Smith, Brookhaven; R. H. Abbey, Webb; A. B. Williams, McComb; Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, Utica; W. A. Huff, Forest; Curtis A. Smith, Drew; J. T. Biggs, Crystal Springs; Lester Brown, Kosciusko; Rev. M. D. Morton, Crystal Springs; Dr. Russell Bush, Jr., Columbia; Rev. H. A. Merritt, Brookhaven, and Ralph Hester, president of the Board, Jackson.

ministerial student. Special music was rendered by Dr. John C. Longest, State College, and Miss Sue Longest, Blue Mountain College. Rev. Charles W. Thompson, Jr., pastor, was master of ceremonies. Dr. John Betterworth, of State College, formally presented the plaque to the church.

Center Terrace Church Has Successful Revival

There were 88 additions to the Center Terrace church, Canton, during their revival Nov. 9-15, 60 on profession of faith. Dr. J. Fred McLelland of Pineville, La. was the preacher and Roland Boyd of Evans, Ga. the singer.

The pastor preached preparatory sermons for a revival and prayer meetings were conducted in 10-12 homes on Monday and Tuesday nights prior to the meeting. There were 24 hours of unbroken prayer led by the deacons from Saturday 6 A.M. until Sunday 6 A.M. The services were well attended. On Sunday morning before the visiting helpers arrived the congregation was asked to write the name and address of loved ones and friends they desired to see saved or aligned with the church.

Night after night in an after service attended by 75-100 soul-winners these names were assigned and other names turned in by this group to be assigned the following night plus the use of an in-man dedicated his life to definite Christian service One-hundred and eighty-six people signed a Tither's Covenant

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The Baptist Record has received a copy of the minutes of the Marshall County Association. Dr. Earl Kelly was elected moderator and C. E. McAlexander, clerk. A good job has been done by the printers and the minutes are very attractive. The next meeting will be held at Byhalia on September 16.

Society Hill Church To Dedicate Building



GASTON CHURCH PAYS DEBT ON PASTORIUM

Gaston Church in Prentiss County raised \$1300 on November 15, which paid off the debt on the pastorium constructed this year. The 3-bed room pastorium is valued at \$8,000.

Gifts to the Cooperative Program have been increased 100 per cent in the new budget and the church has recently adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Rev. Harward Moore is now in his second year as pastor.

The Dedicatory Services of the Society Hill Church of Jefferson Davis county, will be Sunday, November 29.

The new church was completed debt-free and is valued at \$20,000. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 280 and is equipped with new pews. There are 10 classrooms and two rest rooms, kitchen and library.

Three services will be held with dinner served at the church. Rev. Guy Henderson, pastor, will speak at the morning service and Dr. John E. Barnes, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and pastor of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, will speak at the 2 o'clock service. Evening services will begin at 7 p. m.

All friends of the church are cordially invited to attend these services and share in the joys of the day.

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Concerning Cuts

Almost every day, the Baptist Record receives one or more cuts that appeared the week before and sometimes earlier than that in some local paper with the request that we use it in the Baptist Record.

All concerned please take this as notice that the Baptist Record is not interested in old stuff. It is a newspaper, not a history paper. Anyone having a cut made, can for a few cents more have a mat made and mail the mat to the Baptist Record. In that way, everybody will have a fair chance. If it is printed in a local paper one week and sent to us one or two weeks later, that makes the Baptist Record look bad. Our readers want the Baptist Record to have as good a reputation as other papers round about.

Also quite often we get clippings taken from a past issue of some local paper and mailed with the notation "Take this and arrange it." The same thing is true of clippings as of second hand cuts. After they have appeared in the local paper, then clipped and sent to the Record a delay must occur.

When submitting copy to a local paper, send a carbon of it to the Record if you wish it used therein.

Baptist Student Union

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Besides being one of the leading churches of Miss. in per capita missins giving, First Church, Columbus, gives \$3900 a year to the Student Work of MSCW.

We probably are the only one to feel it's urgent, but we repeat, our State BSU Dept. needs an associate State BSU Sec'y badly. There are still \$1,000 left in the Student Center lot fund.

Student Night at Christmas comes Dec. 27. Pastors who do not receive suggestions soon, please let us know.

State BSU Secretaries meet in annual seminar, Nashville, Dec. 14-16. Please pray for us.

Four from Pearl River Jr. joined Poplarville Church; 125 attended recent Comic Strip Party.

"I have purposed in my heart to live closer to God," writes BET- to live closer to God," writes Betty Jo Flowers, Woman's College, of our recent Convention.

Mrs. J. H. Street, Laurel, recently addressed Greater Council at Jones Jr. Thirty-eight enrolled in BSU Choir; Miss Eunice DeSouza, Brazil, honored with Y.W.A. banquet, hike and wiener roast; visiting with Miss. Southern Council other activities reported.

Feb. 1, 1953 is deadline for aping with Home Mission Bd. for summer mission work.

Mississippians Ed Byrd, Chester Swor, Leo Green, D. M. Nelson, Sr., James L. Sullivan participated in recent S. Car. Baptist Conv.

Mr. S. S. E. Grinstead, BSU Sec'y for the Negro colleges of the U. S., recently visited the Negro colleges of Miss. and, at last report had organized BSU's at Jackson College, Natchez College and

Prentiss Institute. His visit blessed our life and portends the thrilling prospects of BSU being firmly established among our colored students. Pray for him and this effort, please.

All of are indebted to Roy Isbell and his committee for doing such a good job with the BSU display at the Miss. Bapt. Conv.

783 is final count of registrations for our Convention, 715 being paid, ing paid.

CONVENTION COMMENTS

My faith has been strengthened, my vision enlarged and my heart revived for service. — Lamar Thompson, Clarke.

I want to do foreign mission work.—Ray Waldrop, Clarke.

Many of our people have expressed joy in having the young people in their homes. . . one of the best conventions I have attended.—S. R. Woodson, Columbus.

The use of many students gave it the right spirit and carryover value.—Roy Isbell, Miss. State.

I feel that it was a time of spiritual growth for all of us.—Jane Ray Bean, Blue Mtn.

It made its impact on our church and community.—S. B. Platt, Columbus.

Your State Convention was superb in every way.—Chester L. Quarles, Jackson.

It will help to make our campus more Christian.—Joan Stockstill, Jones Jr.

Thanks again for letting me have a part in the Convention and thus having my life greatly enriched.—Mrs. W. L. Comper, Greenville.

Georgia Baptists Plan New Building Project

MACON, Ga. (BP) — Georgia Baptists at their annual convention here renewed authority to the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention for \$1,400,000 loan for erection of a professional building adjoining Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta.

The Georgia Baptist Foundation reported it now holds assets of \$1,616,091, an increase of \$284,685 over last year.

Cooperative Program goal of \$1,613,000 was set to be divided 50 per cent for state causes and 50 per cent to Convention-wide causes.

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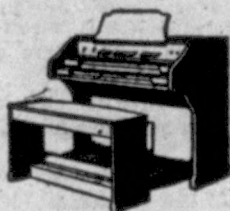
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YOUR LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

(Dr. and Mrs. David Byrd, formerly at Poplar Springs Meridian share with us the following experience concerning a visit to "Five Corners", where Mississippi WMU will help build a church)

CINCO ESQUINAS—Five Corners

The sky was overcast and the heavens were giving forth with a slow steady rain as our taxi driver drove down the dark streets with his car lights off in San Jose, Costa Rica. Presently he came to a very busy intersection where five streets converged, and where with characteristic Latin American politeness and broken English, he told us that this was Cinco Esquinas. With badly broken Spanish, some English and many gestures, we succeeded in making known to him that we wanted to go to the Baptist Church in that community. Immediately he turned a corner, and there was a brightly lighted building with a sign over the door which read "Iglesia Bautista", (Church Baptist). Beautiful sacred music could be heard as we gave an invitation to our driver to come in with us for the service. As we took our departure, he explained that he was Roman Catholic and was not allowed inside a Baptist Church.

After greeting several of the membership we were presented to the pastor, Rev. Teodora Quiros. Through the interpreter, he explained how the church was organized in January of 1953 with 18 members, exclaiming with great jubilation that they were already having over 100 in Sunday School each Sunday. He spoke over and again of the people's gratitude to the Guadalupe Baptist Church of San Jose which had sponsored them as a mission project for two years and of the wonderful contribution that the Southern Baptist Missionaries who were students in the language school had made. With feeling and joy he told how stones had been thrown often on the tin roof of their little building which was formerly a dwelling house and how they had been disturbed often while at worship. He explained the law forbade them putting the loud speaker outside the church, but there was no law which kept them from putting the speaker in the door and playing gospel records, and preaching to the public.

At this point we were summoned to the auditorium for the evening service. The music was beautiful, the spirit was warm, and everything moved along smoothly until the old pump organ went berserk and began to sound notes which the organist had not played. They took time out while the pastor took the back off the organ and manipulated a few pieces of the ancient instrument until it behaved obediently once more. The service continued with the same measure of fervency. It was easy to preach even through an interpreter with such a spirit. Following the service in which we had announced the intention of the W.M.U. of Mississippi to raise \$15,000 to help them build

a new chapel, the people came with tearful eyes and smiling faces to express gratitude. They were reluctant to leave, lingering to express appreciation again and again for what the women of Mississippi were going to do for them. As a group of the young people, of whom there were many, gathered about the old organ to sing, the pastor explained that nine years ago he bought the instrument from a Catholic Priest down on the coast, that he in turn sold it to a negro church, but that some months ago he was back in the same area, and saw the old organ which had been junked. He said he bought it for a few dollars and prepared to bring it back on the train when the conductor admonished him to destroy it, as it was not worth taking back. Nevertheless, he brought it back to San Jose and forthwith took it to an organ maker, who said, "If you will furnish the match, I'll furnish the coal oil, and we will burn this pile of junk and do ourselves a big favor." When the organmaker refused to work on it, the pastor brought it home, overhauled it himself, and the church now used it as its only instrument for music.

We were then shown some small Sunday School rooms which pastor and people had built out of scrap lumber. We visited in a small, neat room which doubled for pastor's study, Sunday School room, Choir room, Church parlor, and prayer room. At long last, after an inspiring uplifting evening we returned to our waiting cab for the trip back to the hotel. The next day in conversation with the missionaries, we were told how Cinco Esquinas was the fastest growing work in all of Costa Rica. They spoke also of the poverty of the people, and of their sacrifice pointing up the great need and the service that would be rendered by the W.M.U. of Mississippi in providing funds with which they could build an adequate, permanent church building.

Women of the W.M.U. of Mississippi, may I remind you that it will probably be easier for you to give an extra dollar to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering than for one of those poor Costa Ricans to give one cent. How good God has been to us here in Mississippi. Let us thank him with an extra offering for Cinco Esquinas in this celebration of our Golden Jubilee. Let's build a monument to God's goodness in San Jose, Costa Rica.

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Lake Dreamland Baptist Church has just completed a Fall Youth Revival with Rev. Charles L. Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall Kelly of Seminary, Miss., as evangelist. Rev. Newell Massey, also of Mississippi, is pastor. Mr. Kelly is a second year student in the school of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Joins Radio Commission



ARTHUR A. HAYNES

Arthur A. Haynes, former television program director and production manager of WCOS-TV, Columbia, S. C., has been appointed television director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A native of New York City, Haynes came south in 1947 to join the staff of a radio station in Columbia. He has had several years experience in both radio and television.

Active in the work of his local Baptist church, he has served as choir member, soloist, and Sunday school worker.

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Bethany Church Begins Full-Time Program

Bethany church, Jeff Davis County, has begun a full-time program after having half-time services for several years.

Located on the outskirts of Prentiss, the church has a wonderful opportunity to minister to the people in that expanding area. The membership numbers 151.

Rev. Stanley J. Smith, a graduate student of the New Orleans Seminary is pastor. He formerly served Bethany and Oak Grove churches.

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EDWARDS DEDICATES ED. BLDG., PASTORIUM

Edwards Church had a dedication service on November 8 when the new pastorium and educational building were dedicated. Dr. Howard E. Spell delivered the dedicatory sermon.

The pastorium was constructed about two years ago and in less than a year was debt free. The educational building was completed in time for the beginning of the new church year, October 1.

Open house was held at the pastorium in the afternoon, where Pastor and Mrs. Guy Futral and Dr. and Mrs. Spell received the guests. Several young ladies of the church assisted in serving.

Guests were received in the educational building by members of the Sunday School, who accompanied them through the new edifice.

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Rev. Russell M. McIntire, pastor of the Clinton Church is the author of a very fine article entitled "Surgery or Internal Medicine," appearing in the December issue of the Sunday School Builder.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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GROWTH — PAINFUL AT TIMES

There were 5076 men enrolled in all Brotherhoods in the Southern Baptist Convention in 1936. Fourteen (14) years later, in 1950, there were 5076 Brotherhoods — a Brotherhood established for every man enrolled in a span of 14 years. An enrollment gain of 15.6 were reported in 1952 in Southern Baptist Convention.

It's a good guess that Mississippi didn't have 25 Brotherhoods in 1936. We now have between 400 and 500.

An even 100 new Brotherhoods have been organized in our state for the twelve months closing in September.

Baptist Associations have set up over 50 Associational Brotherhood organizations that reach thousands of men each year.

Along with this unparalleled growth has come growing pains. The quality of our work has not kept pace with the quantity of new units. Our mortality rate could be reduced if new organizations would devote more time to gaining an understanding of the "mechanics"

of Brotherhood work. Our greatest need is more "know how" among the Brotherhood officers in the church Brotherhoods.

Mt. Pleasant Brotherhood in Holmes Association has an enrollment of 27 and held 3 meetings. They had the regular program for the Brotherhood Journal. Sponsored Layman's Day with the men furnishing the choir and one member brought the Sunday evening message. Reported by L. D. Wall.

First Baptist Brotherhood in Batesville has an enrollment of 36 and held 4 meetings. Observed Layman's Day by having all men's choir, scripture and opening prayer by last year's president of the Brotherhood, reserved section for men of the church, ushers were Brotherhood members, special sermon to men and put on local radio station, special music by the men, special contacts to get men to Laymen's Day, and efforts were made to interest other churches in Panola Association to organize Brotherhoods. Reported by H.D. Graham.

Six New Churches Added To Spanish Baptist Convention

The fourth Spanish Baptist convention since 1947 was held in the comparatively liberal city of Sabadell, August 26-29, 1953. Because of what happened in 1952, not a word about the convention was published in the Baptist paper of Spain, El Eco de la Verdad (The Echo of the Truth), prior to the time of the meeting.

(In 1952, the pastor of the Baptist Church in Alicante, where the convention was to have been held, was advised that it would be necessary to have special permission for such a gathering. Permission was requested; and the pastor made a trip to Madrid, the capital, to try to obtain it. He was told that a group of ministers would discuss the matter and reply to the request. Time passed and no reply came. Still the request has neither been granted nor rejected.)

The Sabadell Baptist Church, made up of 208 members, provided comfortable accommodations for the messengers, according to Nella Dean (Mrs. Charles) Whitten, Southern Baptist missionary to Spain. Five new churches from the Peninsula and one from the Canary Islands were accepted into the convention, bringing the total to 31. All were represented at the meeting.

Mrs. Whitten wrote: "Because of the interruption last year, there was an atmosphere of uneasiness just preceding the convention; but everything went along nicely. The convention was thoroughly 'Baptist' in that many opinions were expressed and not all the people saw eye to eye on everything. But after all that's the price of democracy."

"We are happily anticipating the arrival of four new missionaries — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mefford and

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt. So far as I know, the arrival of four new missionaries in Spain at one time is without precedent in our history."

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Hinds Library Group To Hear Mrs. Meek

The Hinds Church Library Association will have its quarterly meeting at Parkway Church, Sunday, Nov. 29th, at 2:30 P.M. with Mrs. E. D. Meek, Librarian of the Livingston Park Branch Library, as guest speaker.

She will discuss children's reading and story-telling. All church librarians, Training Union, Sunday School and W.M.U. members who work with children are urged to attend.

Twenty-three churches in the Association now have functioning libraries.

The meeting is open to all who would like to attend.

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Small Miracle

BY: THELMA CARTER

I've heard a hospital waiting room called, "the dullest place in town". But you couldn't call a certain June incident anything but miraculous. Even if it was compounded of such earthly ingredients as June sunshine — a small child's



observations — and a memorized prayer.

In the waiting room ten odd citizens were seated. A few sorted half-heartedly through stacks of limp, out-dated magazines, while two women lamented the drab interior and scuffed furniture. A solemn young soldier and his wife held hands. A young girl sat, oblivious to all but a poster, beseeching YOU to enter a nursing school. Two teenage boys smoked endlessly.

When the young couple and the small golden-haired girl appeared no one paid any attention until a man offered his chair, into which both mother and child sank gratefully.

The anonymity of the group was overwhelming. Seemingly, no one cared about the other person.

Surely children are born knowing the secret of robbing adults of their reserve, impersonality, and unconcern or why should a carrying childish voice ask, "Mother, wasn't the man nice to give us his chair? Isn't this a friendly place, mother? I'm glad grandmother could be sick here."

Whatever the reason, heads lifted out of magazines—eyes fastened on a small golden head as the mother chided, "Hush, my darling."

"But mother look at the sunshine. It's all over everyone. God sends the sunshine and the rain. He sends the flowers to those in pain. God loves us each and every one. Thanks be to him when day is done."

A hospital waiting room—dull? Not when a miracle with golden

PICKED HER OWN GIFT

BY: LOULIE LATIMER OWENS

The expression on Julia's face was grim as she dabbed her nose with powder and gazed into the mirror at eyes that threatened tears.

"Married sixteen years to Bob Wood and not one time has he remembered my birthday with so much as a pocket handkerchief" she stormed. Reaching for her small gray felt, she slammed it down on her head. "It's time I taught Bob a lesson! I'll pick out the finest dress in Smithson's and charge it to him."

Thirty minutes later found her well on her way to town on the suburban bus. "I'll shop first, then have late lunch in the snack bar. This should be the surprise of Bob's life and my very best birthday," she mused.

At the exact moment Bob, on his way to lunch, was halted by a sign in a stationer's window. "Is this the Birthday of Someone you Love? Send a Greeting Card." Bob read the sign twice, trying to understand the familiar bell it rang in the distant recesses of his brain. Suddenly understanding broke through. Julia's birthday!

"She has been wanting a dress from Smithson's. I'll buy the finest thing they have! Will she be surprised!" he chuckled. He'd have to go without lunch to have time to shop, but it would be worth it.

At Smithson's Julia gathered up an armful of size 38's and repaired to the dressing room. "Never mind the price," she confided to the clerk. "This is a birthday present and I want the best."

It was just as she was slipping into the fifth dress that Julia heard a voice over the top of the dressing room that stopped her with arms in mid air.

"Show me the best you have," said the voice. "Finest, prettiest, nothing but the best. This is for my

hair walks in and spreads June sunshine and friendliness in such guileless abandon that the whole atmosphere is changed into one of mutual confidence and well-being.

"Did you say Korea?" "A baby?" "You want to be a nurse?" How's grandmother, little girl!

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Thelma Carter is a Baptist writer living in Mangum, Okla.)

A Red-Letter Life

By HERBERT C. GABHART

All week long we baled hay. The sun was hot and the atmosphere humid. But each night after a hurried supper, we had to make our way to church on time. My father would not miss the revival morning or evening.

"Well, Dad," I said to him, "surely we won't be able to go to church tonight. The weather is bad and we went this morning."

"Oh, yes, my son, we will go. God's house and its services come first," I surrendered, but with doubt as to his wisdom.

My father practiced the admonition "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is..." (Heb. 10:25).

He practiced it sincerely and joyously. I have now begun to understand fully his dedication. I see him beyond the three score and ten years still "found faithful." His hearing is almost gone. He could only hear bits of my sermon last summer when I preached in "the old home church." But his interest, enthusiasm, and loyalty has not waned a degree.

Half of the answer is in the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes who answered a friend when asked why he went to church regularly, "I have in my heart a little plant called 'devotion' which I discover needs watering at least once a week." The other half of the answer is in the words of Albert Schweitzer, who in one of his books tells of an old man deaf as a post who gave as his reason for going regularly to the services of his church, "the communion of the saints; the communion of the saints."

Now I know that my father knew that his regularity upon the services would reflect in his children's lives, keep his own spirit fresh, and bespeak to others his sincerity and undying interest in the cause of Christ.

God's hours are truly the "red-letter hours" of the week for him.

wife's birthday." Bob's voice! Julia thought she would drop dead on the spot. She had all kinds of impulses. Slowly she lowered her arms and looked down at the dress. Then, without further thought, she made one dash from the room and threw herself into Bob's arms.

"Oha Bob," she cried, "I'm a horrible, selfish creature! I've done just what you planned to do—picked out a dress for my birthday." With this Julia burst into unrestrained tears.

Bob, so overcome with surprise that he could not keep his balance, sat down abruptly on a nearby seat. He listened to his wife's confession with rising bewilderment. He dabbed at Julia's tears with his handkerchief and looked up helplessly into the face of the amazed clerk.

"It's too much for me," he said forlornly. "They cry when you displease them. They cry when you please them. I guess I'll never understand women!"

(Editor's Note: Loulie Latimer Owen is a Baptist writer living in Greenville, S. C.)

Southern Baptists Continue Westward Expansion

WICHITA, Kan. (RNS) — Expansion of the Southern Baptist Convention to the north and west in recent years was underscored by reports made at the eighth annual meeting of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists here.

The Kansas Convention, organized in the spring of 1946 with seven churches, comprising 1,000 members, now has 88 churches with a membership of more than 12,000, it was reported. Meanwhile, the value of property owned by the Convention has grown from \$61,000 to about \$2,000,000, and its 1954 budget, reflecting a proportionate increase, will be \$140,000.

During the past year alone, it was stated, 17 new churches were

organized, a \$50,000 air-conditioned headquarters building was established here and a Southern Baptist book store was set up in the building with fixtures and stock representing an investment of another \$50,000. In addition, a 31-acre site for a future State Assembly development was acquired on the Marais des Cygnes river about 40 miles south of Topeka.

The Rev. A. B. Cash, secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, told the meeting here that some 400 Southern Baptist churches have been organized in California since 1942 and 25 have been set up in Colorado in the past 18 months. The Convention now has a total of 28,000 churches in 38 states, he said.

NEW REPRINT PLAN ANNOUNCED BY BAKER BOOK HOUSE

An entirely new series of reprints is announced by a publishing house already engaged in bringing back some of the more valuable religious writings. The new series will include books by such well known authors as Sir William Ramsay, Joseph A. Seiss, F. B. Meyer, Alfred Edersheim, and others. The new series will be known as the BAKER CO - OPERATIVE REPRINT LIBRARY, and will be published by the Baker Book House, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Under this new plan, announced by Baker Book House, about twelve well-known and reliable Christian classics, which have been in great demand by scholars, teachers, and pastors, will be released under the ever popular Volume-a-Month plan. This will begin in March of 1954, and will continue each month until the entire series of twelve books is completed. Herman Baker, of Baker Book House, stresses the fact that a much lower retail price, averaging about 20 per cent, is possible since the publishing house will consolidate all promotion and advertising on twelve books, and will issue all twelve in uniform bindings and dust jackets. As an example, The Directory of the Devout Life, by F. B. Meyer, which is included in the series, will be priced at \$2.00, whereas it would ordinarily have to be priced at \$2.50, when published separately.

The first volume to be released in the BAKER CO - OPERATIVE Reprint Library is Fifty-two Sermons, by Horatius Bonar. This will be followed in the month of April by History of the Jewish Nation, by Alfred Edersheim. Both are books that have much appeal to present day students and pastors, and will be followed by other books which have been carefully selected by the editorial department of Baker Book House.

(For review copies, electros, or further information, please write to: Baker Book House, Sales and Advertising Department, Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Love Finds A Way

BY T. K. RUCKER

Four little red-headed, freckled-faced boys with eager faces greeted me from the front pew as I walked into the pulpit of my new pastorate. John, the oldest, mothered the other three boys through the service. They listened with bright-eyed interest between wiggles. They made such a deep impression that I inquired about them.

The mother was home with a new baby and four other little tots and would be back in Sunday school and church with all eight of the children as soon as she was able.

My wife and I were standing on the side walk talking with the mother about her fine children and commended here for her excellent training of them. With the radiance of heaven upon her face, a baby in her arms and seven standing around her she said, "My children are my life and joy. I am claiming the promise 'Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it' (Prov. 22:6). I can truly say with the Psalmist, 'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord' (Psalm 122:1). I never want to miss a service. I can't give my children material things, but through the teaching and training in the church their character and destiny will be determined."

What an indictment against thousands who say that they just cannot attend the services at their church. If more parents had the warmth of love for their children and the Lord's house and were as loyal to the church as this dear mother, there would be less juvenile delinquency, fewer broken homes, stronger and more virile churches ministering to human needs across our land. Here is a mother who is building into the character of her children the right moral fiber. Love finds a way. Loyalty to the highest will always make a way.

T. K. Rucker is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Forrest City, Ark.

Dead Churches Do Not Need Money

By DR. R. G. LEE

Does your church cost too much — the dead church needs no money!

And neither does a dead Christian have any to give.

It costs nothing to operate a dead church, but the pride in the matter of lives would be appalling. All a Christian has to do to die is never give.

In the physical realm our body grows by what we take into it, but in the spiritual realm it is the very opposite.

If your religion is a living religion, it will cost you something, but if it is really alive you will find happiness, joy, and blessings in paying the price.

"Our church costs too much,"

a chronic complainer stated. "I am getting sick and tired of it."

"Yes," said another, "but I want to tell you a story out of my own life. Some time ago a baby boy came into my house, and from the time he was born he cost me something I had to buy food and clothing and medicine, and after a while toys and a puppy dog. When he started to school, he cost me more and more, and more, and when he went to college they were still greater and greater, and later he began to go out with girls and you know how much that costs. Then in his senior year he suddenly died, and since then he has not cost me a cent."

YES, if your religion is alive it will cost you something, but you will be glad to pay the price.

Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

For November 29.

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.

Bible Texts: Deuteronomy 24: 14-19; Amos 5:10-24; II Thessalonians 3:7-10.

I. THE CARE OF JEHOVAH FOR THE POOR, Deut. 24:14-19.

Wonderful, is it not, that the God of all the world is so great that He can feel pity for the poor of the earth. There are so many of this class around the earth, there have always been, there will always be. Why? That passed my comprehension. I know there are those who seem to be poor because they are content to be that way. There is a class of shiftless, thriftless people who would not remain beyond the pale of want. Give to such people and they respond only by becoming more completely dependent upon those who give to them. Give them money and they will throw it away in the purchase of trifles and still be dependent for the necessary things.

A great deal might be said on the subject of the thriftlessness of the southern negroes. Much of that is directly chargeable to the fact that, in the state of slavery before the War Between the United States and the Confederate States, the needs of the slaves were supplied by their masters while the slaves were relieved of the necessity of providing things needful for themselves. Since the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect, there has been in many instances a policy upon the part of some white people to maintain toward the negroes about them a policy of paternalism which has wrought the negroes much harm. But take the cases of the negroes who have been thrown upon their own and note how it has fared with them. Note and acknowledge that the progress of the race as represented by this segment of their number has been among the most remarkable phenomena of modern history.

Compare the progress of the southern negro with that of the red man, words of our government, support and relieve of every care or concern for their own living. Compare the mass of them, I say, with the negroes who have been thrown largely on their own resources, with Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, with Holtzclaw of Utica Institute, and Jones of Piney Woods, and all those leaders have done for the advancement of their race, many members of which have risen to places of distinction, or have carved for themselves success in the business world and read from such comparison the lesson that the people of any race or tribe being forced to depend upon themselves will develop a self-reliance that the petted wards of a community or state will always lack.

But "the poor," said our gracious

Lord, "ye have always with you". Why? Well, He knows about that. Meantime, the God of heaven has pity upon the needy and commiseration for the poor, so that, away back in the history of the chosen people He made provision for them in the command of His people that the poor should be allowed to glean the harvest fields. Of course even in this the poor were expected to do the gleaning, to put forth some effort to relieve their want. And I think this is Biblical authority for expecting the poor of our day to do on their own part what they can honestly to provide for themselves.

II. AMOS THE PROPHET DENOUNCES SIN, Amos 5:10-24.

1. This first: Amos lays the sin of Jehovah's people open to their gaze. He was a native of Judah, but he was called away from his home, his sheep, his sycamore groves to prophesy to the people of the northern kingdom, the kingdom of Israel.

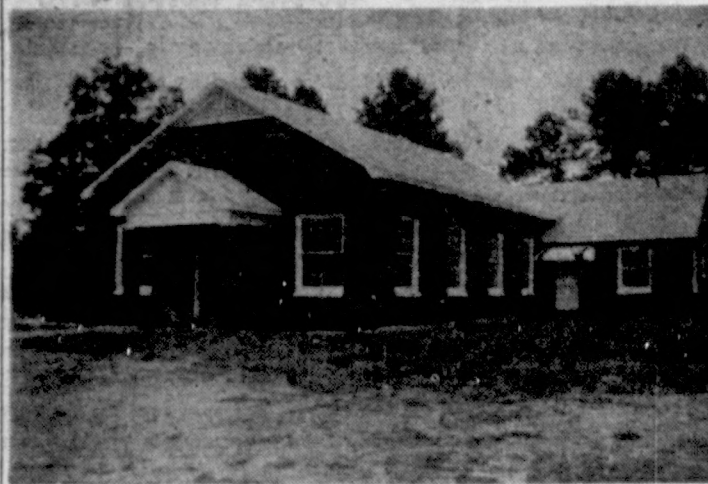
The first sin Amos mentions is that of rejecting the truth at the mouth of him who speaks uprightly, who reproves wrong in public. Hold a minute DO you have a deacon, or are you a deacon, who goes to his pastor with the complaint that the pastor is preaching against the questionable conduct of the deacon? And does your deacon "fall out" with the preacher because he preaches against a sin or a cluster of sins that are being practiced by people who are called by the name of a holy God? So did the ancient people of Israel.

2. Amos speaks on to warn the people who are practicing injustice upon the poor of the impending wrath of God. How often in this column have I said through the years, "Ye cannot, Ye can not. Ye cannot, ye can not, YE CAN NOT, flout the law of the Almighty and get away with it. That is anything that never has been done, a thing that never will be done. That thing successfully done just once would topple the throne of God of heaven. The Eternal has fixed His canon against all ungodliness, unrighteousness, injustice, crooked dealing and He can not because He will not, make void that rule of justice and right.

3. Amos speaks of the mercy of God upon those who seek His will and do it. Hate the evil and love the good, and establish justice in the gate it may be that Jehovah the God of hosts, will be gracious until the remnant of Jacob." As though he said to Israel, "Repent ye and return unto the Lord your God". Is that the thing they will not do? In this case it was, and in consequence they went away into captivity and became "the lost tribes". The man who follows the example of these people, the family the community, the state, the nation, must meet the fate of the finally obstinate impenitent, and rebellious.

4. Amos prescribes course of action which will please God. "Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." That's it! No stinted measure, but full, free, abundant, to every man even-handed, uncolored, level to unbiased judgment. In the courts of law let justice have her

Branch Church Dedicated Debt Free



Shown above is the Branch Church, Scott County, which was dedicated debt free on November 22. Rev. Homer Ainsworth is the pastor. The church began a full-time program on October 1. Dedication day speakers were Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Convention Board Secretary; Rev. Carl Duck, Morton pastor, and Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of the Baptist Record.

The building contains an auditorium and 10 Sunday School rooms. The money was raised and the building constructed in 1953.

REVIVAL ADDS TWENTY AT SECOND, KOSCIUSKO

Second Baptist Church of Kosciusko has just closed a great revival under the leadership of Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, director of Evangelism for the State Baptist Convention Board. Rev. J. Blackwell, director of music of the Second

Church, led the music. There were 20 additions, 10 by baptism, and five rededications. Dr. Wilbanks served as director of the Crusade in Attala county, while preaching at the Second Church. There were nine churches that cooperated during the week. Saturday night service was one of the high attendance crowds. It had been announced for everyone to wear work clothes and that the house would be lighted by coal oil lamps. It was like to the early days of life for many of the people. There were people in church that had never been seen in church before. The building was filled to capacity. To climax the service, the Ordinance of Baptism was observed. Two men followed Christ in baptism. One of these was 78 years old.

III. PAUL ENFORCES THE ARGUMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL EFFORT.

"If a man will not work, neither let him eat." If a man is able to work and will not because of laziness, do not feed him. Let him feel the pinch of hunger and learn from this wholesome experience the satisfaction of eating his bread in the sweat of his face. But and if he is willing to work right up to the limit of his ability, give him a chance to do it.

Against this Biblical theory Marxism sets the theory that man deserves a living whether he is willing to make effort to deserve it or not. If any man has by industry and thrift, economy and frugal living, accumulated anything, take it from him and give it to the man who has not, though he may never have put forth any effort in his own behalf.

The first hungry man any man is ordinarily obliged to feed is himself, and this that he may keep one more beggar out of the breadline. And after this is done in the case of himself and his, let him strive to accumulate wherewith to relieve the sufferings of those less fortunate than himself in that they are for a legitimate reason, unable to provide for themselves. This is the Christian principle laid down by Paul and enforced by his example. He wrought with his own hands to provide his own needs.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.
50 YEARS AGO—

The newly organized South McComb church closed a ten days meeting resulting in 76 accessions, six by baptism. Acting Pastor R. J. Boone was assisted by Rev. J. H. Lane. At the close of the meeting Brother Lane was called as pastor, to give them two Sundays a month.

40 YEARS AGO—

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Church, Jackson, packed a Thanksgiving box for the families of the young ministers in Mississippi College.

25 YEARS AGO—

Evangelists D. Wade Smith and Atley J. Cooper close a very successful revival meeting in the newly organized Bowen Memorial Church, Harrison County, with 17 additions to the church.

The Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, closed a good meeting in which Pastor S. F. Lowe did the preaching and P. S. Roland led the singing. Results: 40 additions.

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NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the Woman's Missionary Union in Texas, was named one of the five members from Texas of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its November meeting. She replaces Dr. Vernon Yearby who has moved from Texas to Alabama, and will serve until the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Mathis becomes the fifth woman member now on the Board and the only woman serving as a state rather than as a local member.

GIFT OF \$100,000

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board recently received \$100,000 from the Jarman Foundation for the construction of the Central Baptist Church of Bogota, Colombia, according to Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., the Board's secretary for Latin America.

NEW BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Baptist Bible Institute in Nassau, Bahamas, which opened September 15, now has an enrollment of 30 students, according to Missionary John Mein, director of the school. Dr. and Mrs. Mein are teaching night classes at present, and plans are being made to start daytime classes also. This school constitutes the only Baptist theological training center for the 20,000 Baptists of the islands of the Caribbean.

"WE CAN DREAM"

Rev. Charles W. Whitten, Southern Baptist missionary to Spain, reports an incident which occurred in an interior city, where one of the Baptist churches has been closed by government orders for six months. One evening 30 people gathered in the national pastor's home to hear Mr. Whitten bring a message and to meet the four Southern Baptist missionary appointees who had just arrived, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., and Rev. and Mrs. Roy B. Wyatt, Jr.

Mr. Whitten said that after the service the missionaries were presented with boxes of candy to take to their children. He said he wrote a note of appreciation for the candy and received the following reply from the national pastor:

"You do not need to thank us for anything. That which we do for you is nothing in comparison with so much that you and your fellow countrymen do for us. Since we are not able to demonstrate in a visible way our gratitude to our American brethren, please permit us to do it through your missionaries.

"You will have many difficulties and disappointments in this country; but we can dream because God can make our dreams a reality. For many years I have been dreaming of a Christian Spain, an evangelical Spain, a democratic Spain; and I believe that some day when it is his good pleasure the Lord will make my dreams a reality."

WHAT WE CAN DO

In a recent letter Kathleen (Mrs.

Horace J. Price of 824 Combs Street Jackson (Ph. 3-7979) has two religious films (with sound) that are arranged into a complete worship service with an invitation given at the end of the service. This service is offered to any church on Sunday night without charge. The films are: "The Last Week," portraying the arrest, trial, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Christ, and a second film which has a great message for the backslider and is entitled, "The Man Who Forgot God." The program is offered free and those interested should write Mr. Price at the above address.

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Give Your Mind Wholesome Menu

BY HART R. ARMSTRONG
President of the Evangelical Press Association

One of the most important truths concerning human character building was spoken in passing by Solomon in Proverbs 23:7: "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." The thoughts of our mind are like building blocks with which we build our character. If a person permits himself to think often of evil, he will soon be doing evil acts. Pure and good thoughts exercise a wholesome influence upon the body itself, but evil thoughts have a directly opposite power.

Jesus said, "There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. For out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

Every deed that a man performs is born first in his thought life. Most deeds are not brought to birth with a sudden impulse, but lie rooted in many repeated thoughts. This is particularly true with evil deeds. No man sins suddenly. The sin must first be conceived in his mind.

Every evil thought is a dangerous thing. It carries with it the seeds of evil, the promise of ugly growth which if not rooted out will bring forth a character of weakness and sin. Satan sees to it that evil thoughts are constantly knocking at the door of our consciousness. We must persistently avoid them, refuse them entrance to our thinking, thrust them out if they gain admittance. Once permitted, they will bring others like them and will never be satisfied until they have mastered us and completely possessed our whole being.

One of the greatest sources of thoughts come through our reading. The huge trade in modern magazines is a witness to the power of printed thought. Never in history has there been such a barrage of ideas hurled upon the minds of



Inspecting audio-visual aids equipment on display at the recent workshop held at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., are (left to right): Dr. Findley B. Edge, associate professor of religious education at the Seminary; Mr. Earl Waldrup, secretary, department of audio-visual aids, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Mr. Fon Scofield, secretary for audio-visual aids, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Other leaders in the day-day conference included: Mr. L. O. Griffith, secretary of promotion, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. Joe Davis Heacock, professor of religious education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

men.

The sad part of the whole picture is the fact that so much of our modern reading is filled with corrupt, debasing, and unwholesome ideas. The material which comes in our reading materials could very well be compared to food which we eat. Some food is wholesome, filled with body-building minerals and vitamins, other food is pleasant but somewhat useless being filled with starches and sugars which only go to fat and add nothing to the body's well being; other food may be positively harmful and dangerous; and of course it is possible for the human body to indulge in actual poisonous things such as alcohol and nicotine.

The things you read are like that: wholesome Christians literature will build the soul and fill the life with things which minister to character and holiness; popular reading only tickles the fancy and adds little to the character and understanding; and there is much on the newsstand today that is positively evil and harmful to the inner life. Reading the trashy and sinful magazines or novels of the day fill the life with mental and spiritual poison, placing thoughts and desires in the mode that lead to awful sins and evil deeds. The person who carries these lewd and suggestive publications home for reading might just as well buy a bottle of poison at the drug store and take it home for a nip after dinner. He is doing to his mental and spiritual life exactly what the poison would do to his physical body. There is terrible danger exactly what the poison would do to his physical body. There is terrible danger here. The Christian must learn to beware of such publications. He must discriminate in his selection of reading. His thought life must not be polluted by the impure stream of modern literature. It is too important to him to remain clean and pure in heart. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

It is not a light thing to be

careless or indulgent in our choice of reading matter. It is foolish to excuse a trashy book of magazine by the words, "Oh, this once won't hurt me." One thing leads to another. One indulgence calls for further and deeper indulgence. A taste of ungodly literature or of trashy ideas breeds a deeper danger for more of the same. It is easier to teach a baby to like ice cream and pudding than carrots or spinach, so it is easier to cultivate a taste for the light or the popular than for the wholesome and the spiritual. Worthwhile reading takes effort and thought, and lazy minds rather prefer the light reading and the pictorial treatment of the modern day.

And so the call must come to the Christian and to the godly families or our world today to stand up and voluntarily choose to take the right side in this matter. It is not easy to discipline the mind, but it is important and necessary. It is not pleasant to lead the other members of the family into a right understanding of this matter of feeding on wholesome ideas and spiritual thoughts, but if the parent fails in this task, the result will be ruinous to the lives of their dear children.

God knew the importance of right reading. That is why He gave us the Bible which was purposed by Him to be the wellspring and source of all our reading and literature. The greatest literature in the world draws its themes and its inspiration from God's Holy Word. The most satisfying and ennobling thoughts known to man are found here. Hence it is important that every Christian major in the reading of God's Word. More than this, the literature he reads apart from the Bible should find its impulse from the Book of books.

It is not merely a poetic phrase that Christ is named the Alpha and Omega. Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and Omega the last. There is not a thought we think which cannot be expressed in the medium of words,

God's Business

A manufacturing company in Greenville, Tex., pays its employees for time spent in a weekly prayer meeting—held in their own factory.

The man responsible for this type of Christian business leadership is soft-spoken S. E. Shirey, a deacon and Sunday School teacher at the First Baptist Church in Greenville.

Mr. Shirey, who believes that the Lord provided the opportunity for the opening of the Shirey Manufacturing Company in 1945, began the weekly devotional period on the first Monday the company started operation.

Each Monday thereafter, at 10 a.m. a buzzer sounds, the dozens of machines stop, and the 124 employees turn their chairs around and join together in singing a religious hymn.

After a brief song service, Owner Shirey steps to the speaker's stand, smiles, asks how everyone is feeling, makes a few announcements, and asks for suggestions or comments. Then the Greenville business men talks briefly about God's goodness in permitting the factory to operate and ask for voluntary prayers.

A devotional speaker—either a guest minister, Christian layman, or factory employee—gives a 15-or-20-minute inspirational talk.

When the speaker completed his message, the workers turn their chairs to working positions and start their many cutting and sewing machines which turn out the factory's lingerie and sleeping garments for women and children.

Employees of the company, which now has sales representatives in several surrounding states, believe that they do more work because of their worship period.

Mrs. Louis Spainhour, an employee of only six weeks, says, "This is the first time I have ever worked for an employer who gives time for a devotional period, and really makes a difference. At first I was afraid we wouldn't get paid for the time during the worship period, which often lasts for 45 minutes, but our pay goes on as usual."

using the letters of our alphabet. And if Christ be the Alpha and the Omega—the A and the Z—then included in His glorious person is our whole thought life, every idea and purpose that our being and experience can—has—and ever shall include. And is this not the true aim of God? Are we not told that "ye are complete in Him"? God Himself satisfies Himself in the bosom of the only begotten Son, as do the angels and principalities of heaven. May not we very finite human beings find a sufficiency and a glorious fullness in the wonderful Saviour? Why must we turn to the paltry things of this world to satisfy our thought hunger?

We are taking a second best when we do it! Christ is no a disappointment, and we can only be happy and complete when we accept Him as the center of our thinking, the theme of our whole existence, and the end of our life on this earth.

Pastor At Bethel



REV. ROBERT N. MIERS

Rev. Robert N. Miers of Baton Rouge, La., has accepted the call of Bethel Church in Mississippi Association and has moved into the new parsonage, filled with a generous shower.

He is a native of Beauregard parish, La., and was graduated from Louisiana College, Pineville. He was moderator of the Ascension Association in 1952. He succeeds Rev. H. L. Anderson.

Mrs. Miers is a converted Catholic.

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Pelahatchie Has Day Of Thanksgiving

The Pelahatchie Church observed Debt-Retirement Day on Sunday, Nov. 22 as the people brought Thanksgiving offerings to retire the \$500 debt on the church building.

The total offering of the day was \$770.90.

The church is only 3 years old and cost approximately \$55,000.

Ending the church year the last of September, Pelahatchie had one of the greatest years in its history reaching a budget of almost \$21,000.

The Sunday School is at an all time peak with an enrolment of 237, and the Training Union at an all time high with an enrolment of 118.

A class plan of visitation has been inaugurated in the Sunday School to reach the 200 prospects which the church has as a result of a recent census.

Recently the church had a complete system of sidewalks donated by a group of members. Also an illustrated outside bulletin board, which will be delivered in February, has been donated by a family in the church.

The church has recently gone to a percentage basis of giving through the Cooperative Program, which is being a great blessing to the church.

Rev. J. F. Stanford is pastor.

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Rev. and Mrs. Louise A. Doyle, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil who have been in the States on furlough, have left for their mission field. A the request of the Equatorial Brazil Mission, they are changing their field office service from the state of Para to the State of Amazonas, where they will be field missionaries. Their address is Caixa Postal 226, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Mr. Doyle is a native of Clinton.

Who Will Hold The Rope?

By HAL D. BENNETT

"A man's dying in a well!" Nancy yelled. "Mother says come help him out!"

We took the curves on two wheels for the quarter-mile back to her house. Joe, the local well-digger, was at the bottom of a 25 foot well all doubled up.

"Bad air," his helper explained. "We're afraid to go down after him."

Obvious enough, I thought. I tied a rope around my chest.

"Let me down," I said. "I'll take this other rope for Joe. Pull him out first, and then me."

Joe was still breathing weakly when I tied the rope around him and signaled for them to take him up. They pulled about half way,

then dropped him back toward me.

"Take him on!" I yelled. "Get him out of here! I may pass out, too!"

They pulled again, and guided Joe's body through the narrow opening in the well curb. Then they pulled me up. I untied the ropes from Joe first—he was lying where they had put him, half on his face. Maybe I lost my temper.

"He's coming to," I said, noting that his breathing was easier, and his color returning. "Perhaps you can get him to a doctor. It might have been his heart."

"Mrs. Binks got her hand caught in the rope," the helper apologized, as though I ought to know. "That was when we had to let

Joe back a little bit."

Helpless people! People left behind to hold the ropes, who get their own hands caught in the machinery! People who fail to do the obvious when need is practically sitting in their laps!

It didn't make sense. Or did it??

We who call ourselves Christians do that all the time. A few are risking their whole lives to do the will of Christ. Maybe that is the intended way. Somebody has to hold the ropes. Somebody has to stay alert. Somebody has to reach out with a helping hand to the next-door neighbor.

Too many people flit about saying something ought to be done, and they are right, but what a blessed experience too many of us miss when we fail to do the needed act ourselves.

In Baton Rouge, the city's annual Christmas parade will be "entirely spiritual in nature." The churches and "other organizations whose activities are based upon religious principles" have been invited to enter floats.

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DENISON, Texas (BP) — From knocking Russians MIGs out of the air over Korea to winning souls to Christ has been the recent experiences of Jet Ace, Capt. A. E. Vancil, jet pilot instructor at Perrin Air Force Base. During a revival conducted at First Baptist Church here by C. Wade Freeman, superintendent of evangelism for Texas Baptists, Vancil decided that he would enter formal training for the ministry just as soon as he is released from active duty with the Air Force.

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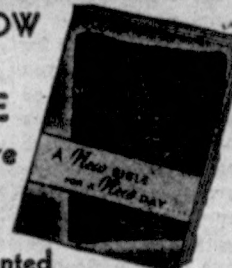
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